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## HARRY BRIDGES IS DISTRICT I.L.A. PRESIDENT

### 38-79 LEADER WINS IN PEDRO AND IN N. WEST

Incomplete Count Shows Meehan, Progressive, Leading Over Bruce for District Sec'y

SAN FRANCISCO.—The election of Harry Bridges as President of the Pacific Coast District of the I. L. A. is virtually assured. The militant leader of the San Francisco longshoremen carried San Pedro by a vote of 698 to 513 for Clifton Thurston, of Portland, who ran against Bridges.

The San Francisco longshoremen gave Bridges 2319 votes, Thurston receiving only 137. It is reported that Bridges has also carried the I. L. A. locals in the Northwest.

Reactionary elements had expected Thurston to gain a majority of the votes in San Pedro. The complete coast-wide count was to be announced in Seattle late this week.

Matt Meehan, progressives' candidate for District secretary polled 1718 votes in San Francisco as against 566 for Elmer Bruce, reactionary secretary of the San Pedro I. L. A. local. In San Pedro itself, Bruce led Meehan, polling 735 to the latter's 465 votes.

Results for District Organizer have not yet been given out.

### 'Devote All Spare Hours—Get CS Act Repeal Signatures'

With an estimated 75,000 to 100,000 signatures collected on the initiative petitions to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, the Executive Committee of the California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act appeals to every person sincerely desiring to wipe this anti-labor law from the statute books to devote every spare hour he has to collecting signatures.

"The signatures required to qualify the measure for the November ballot must be collected and all petitions filed in the various counties by July 23rd, which means they must be turned into our central offices at 68 Haight street, San Francisco, and 129 West 2nd street, Room 326, Los Angeles, not later than July 20," stated the executive committee.

#### 240,000 GOAL

"The first filing was made on July 3rd or a few days later in some instances. The law requires that we have 187,000 signatures. Because approximately 25 per cent of the names will be thrown out for a number of reasons, the goal has been set at 240,000 signatures.

"It is impossible to judge accurately how many signatures have been collected in the state to date, but judging by the number of petitions issued and an early check-up, probably between 75 and 100 thousand have been collected. These figures cannot be considered definite.

"In the remaining two weeks of the campaign, the required signatures can be collected ONLY if every person who sincerely wishes to see the repeal campaign succeed, will devote every single spare hour he has to collecting signatures and to getting others to do the same. The tremendous task of getting the number of signatures required has not been realized by the majority of workers in the campaign.

"Turn in all filled petitions immediately to our central offices."

Build the circulation of the Western Worker.

### First Bitter Taste of 'Civilization'



REGIMENTATION into the ranks of Italy's Fascist Balilla, Il Duce youth organization, is the first thing "civilization" hands out to these young Ethiopian lads. From the grouchy looks on their faces as they eat at the mess table of a military camp near Addis Ababa, it appears they don't like Fascist gangsters any better than their fathers and mother do.

### 4,500 HEAR SENATOR NYE CALL FOR VIGOROUS FIGHT AGAINST GOV. POLICY ON WAR RACKETS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—"War is an adulterated racket for profits." "In spite of all so-called utterances of peace policy, we have increased our war budget more than any other nation—by 197 per cent.

Presenting new facts as to the manipulations of the international armaments ring, the use of U. S. battleships as "salesmen's sample cases" for the duPonts, and the inevitability of the United States being drawn into any European war because of "the set-up being what it is," the Honorable Gerald P. Nye, chairman U. S. Senate Munitions Investigation Committee and vigorous anti-war champion, spoke to an audience of 4500 at Dreamland Auditorium here last night.

#### FOR ANTI-WAR STRUGGLE

A powerful orator, with an astounding series of facts at his command showing the absolute domination of "the gang" of army and navy officers by lobbyists employed by the "merchants of death" and the looting of the treasury in the name of "national defense," Senator Nye, labeled Republican but whose sympathies are fully with the movement to build a Farmer-Labor Party nationally, called for widespread support for such fighting anti-war, anti-fascist organizations as the American League Against War and Fascism.

Although he exposed the aggressive nature of the War Department plans for "national defense" (including transport plans for shipping three million men abroad) and pointing to naval maneuvers being held nearer to Japan's shores than our own, he nevertheless failed to draw the full conclusions as to the basic imperialist antagonisms now centering in the Pacific area, drawing the peoples of imperialist nations into a war caused by market and profit hunger. His program is therefore inadequate, calling for "hard and fast" neutrality legislation, nationally-owned munitions industries, and a constitutional amendment permitting "conscription of capital and interest if human life is to be conscripted," and right of people's referendum on war.

Many liberal leaders of trade unions, representatives of religious thought and progressive bodies sat on the platform, including John D. Barry, columnist of the San Francisco News. Chairman was George P. Kidwell, leading trade unionist, and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

### SPECULATORS SEND PRICES UP AS DROUGHT KILLS OVER 150 FARMERS

CHICAGO.—Over 150 deaths in the past five days have resulted from the blistering drought blighting 29 farm states, most of them in the Midwest. Temperatures rose to as high as 110 degrees.

Crop losses in South Dakota alone were estimated at \$140,000,000. Six thousand families are being added to WPA rolls each day, after the starving farmers for the most part were cut off relief last spring by Roosevelt's relief administrator, Harry L. Hopkins. A cattle purchase program instead of cash relief seems to be the main government act for the farmers.

Wheat speculators in the Chicago grain exchange profited from the drought, sending future values up 25 cents a bushel, in-

flicting suffering on city workers through a rise in bread prices.

#### FOOD UP IN S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO. — The drought 2000 miles away, accompanied by food market speculation, has sent wholesale prices soaring here. Soon retail prices will follow, hitting the slim pocketbook of the San Francisco housewife.

Flour here has jumped 40 cents a barrel, it is reported by the Retail Grocers' Association. Wholesale butter prices have risen 6 to 6½ cents, according to the Golden State Co., Ltd. Canned milk is up 10 to 20 cents a case, wholesale.

Starch, syrup, canned beans and corn are other staples which have been fast rising in prices.

## Orange Pickers Face Bloody Terror

### YOUNG STRIKE RESULTS IN A BIG VICTORY

Union Recognition Won; Take Steps to Protect Workers; 2nd E. Bay Victory In Two Weeks

OAKLAND.—A substantial victory has terminated the eight-week strike of the workers in the L. A. Young Spring and Steel Co. The terms of the settlement include union recognition.

A few days ago the strikers presented the company with a set of minimum demands, offering to arbitrate the difference between these and the original demands. The company agreed to this.

The arbitration board will include Cassidy, union business representative; Joe Miranda, shop representative for the union; a representative of the militant Warehousemen's Union, Secretary Spooner of the Central Labor Council, and four company representatives.

#### UNBROKEN RANKS

The workers voted in a body. The workers voted to assemble outside the plant, in returning to work, and to all enter in a body. It was voted that if any worker is discriminated against, a sit-down strike will be staged until the worker is reinstated.

The strike committee was elected to function as the shop committee until a regular shop committee is elected. This committee will watch carefully all (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

### Pensioners Leery Of 'Union Party'

SACRAMENTO.—California's Townsendites will not fall for the "Union Party's" fascist bait, nor for its founders, Father Coughlin and William Lemke, it was indicated here last week by Sheridan Downey, of Sacramento, Townsend candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Congressional District.

Many other Townsend pension leaders throughout the state have also made known their repugnance to the "Union Party," and their disgust at Dr. Townsend's bringing Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, "share-the-wealth," with him to California.

"I have no intention of supporting Lemke or the third party movement," said Downey. "I believe President Roosevelt should be re-elected, and I shall do what I can for him.

"Election of Governor Alf Landon, the Republican nominee, would be a national tragedy. In Sacramento County we have 5000 WPA workers and in San Joaquin County, 3000. Landon's philosophy offers them nothing but starvation and the chance to secure jobs in a jobless world.

"Of course I am devoted to the Townsend Plan and I believe the present social security act actually inadequate. If elected I will advocate a Townsend law."

Although now Dr. Townsend's personal attorney, Downey, does not go for the doctor's transactions tax to finance old age pensions, but has written a pamphlet demanding taxation of high incomes instead. He was Epic candidate for lieutenant-governor of California in 1934, and polled more than 1,000,000 votes, well ahead of Upton Sinclair for governor.

### HALF MILLION MEN GIRD FOR STEEL STRIKE

Maritime Federation, Council No. 2, Receives Thanks From CIO for Support of Industrial Unionism

#### BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Dept., and Matthew Woll were reported in the session of the A. F. of L. Executive Council as vigorously demanding the expulsion of the 12 C. I. O. unions.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The leaders of the Committee for Industrial Organization have sent letters of thanks to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Council 2, for its stand in favor of industrial unionism.

"The resolution of protest against the A. F. of L. Executive Council and Mr. Green's attitude toward the C. I. O.," wrote John Brophy of the C. I. O. to secretary Mervyn Rathborne of the Bay Area Council, "is an indication of complete understanding of the C. I. O.'s aims and purposes. The real splitters, as you indicate in your resolution, are those who do no nothing about organizing the unorganized."

A letter was also sent Rathborne by Charles Howard, president of the International Typographical Union, and a leader of the C. I. O.

TO AFFECT AUTO, RUBBER PITTSBURGH, Pa.—With the C. I. O. drive to organize steel already weeks ahead of schedule, a strike of 500,000 steel workers before the end of summer appears certain. The strike is expected in September and will also affect about 500,000 workers in automobile and rubber.

The C. I. O. is rapidly pushing the organization drives in these industries as well as steel, in order to develop a united strike front.

Such an enthusiasm is being shown for the drive by steel workers, following the great mass meetings last weekend in Homestead and other steel centers, and the Lewis radio speech Monday, that much of the C. I. O.'s \$500,000 organization fund will be reserved for the strike. Republican senators in the Pennsylvania legislature are fighting to reduce the annual relief appropriation by \$14,000,000.

Immediately preceding the A. F. of L. Executive Council meeting which was to decide on expulsion of the 12 C. I. O. unions, William Green made it plain that no support for the drive to organize steel, rubber, auto, textile, and other industries will come from the Executive Council.

Lewis in reply, stated that the Executive Council "never had a plan to organize the steel industry."

The Amalgamated Assn. of Steel Workers branded as a company lie the report that the 5500 Wheeling Steel strikers in Portsmouth, O. had returned to work, defeated.

#### AID ORANGE PICKERS

ORANGE, Calif.—Relief and defense funds for the striking orange pickers are sought by the Orange Pickers Union, to be rushed to Selso Jaime, 405 Cypress street, Orange, Calif.

More than \$30 was raised for relief on July 4th at Jintown, near Whittier, in Los Angeles County at a fiesta staged by the International Labor Defense.

### Text of Communist Election Program

Following is the text of the Communist Party platform for the 1936 elections, as presented to the nominating convention held at Madison Square Garden on June 28th, with 40,000 enthusiastic listeners present inside the hall and outside, where overflow crowds heard the address through loudspeakers. The platform was also read over a national radio broadcasting system.

We urge readers to send in their comments on the provisions of the platform, dealing with their application to conditions in California and generally on the Pacific Coast.

The American people today face the greatest crisis since the Civil War. Extreme reaction threatens the country, driving toward fascism and a new World War.

To meet this danger to our liberties and welfare, we must unite our ranks. In common action we must go forward to overcome this crisis in an American way, in the spirit of 1776, in the interests of our people and of our country.

The collapse of the Hoover-Republican prosperity destroyed our boasted American standards of living. The New Deal failed to protect and restore our living standards. American capitalism is unable to provide the American people with the simple necessities of life.

Over 12,000,000 able-bodied and willing workers are without jobs. For a majority of these there is no hope of jobs.

The income of the working people has been cut in half. Half our farmers have lost their land. They are being converted into a pauperized peasantry.

Millions of young people face a future without hope, without any prospect of ever being able to establish a home or rear a family.

#### CITES CONDITIONS OF NEGRO PEOPLE

The Negro people suffer doubly. Most exploited of working people, they are also victims of jim-crowism and lynching. They are denied the right to live as human beings.

Civil rights are being systematically attacked and, curtailed. The Supreme Court has usurped the power of Congress. It is destroying all labor and social legislation.

Reactionary forces, roused and organized by Hearst and the Liberty League, and striving to seize the Government fully. They want to saddle the entire burden of the crisis upon the people, to establish a fascist regime and move toward war on the side of Hitler, the butcher of the German people and the chief maker of war.

The peace, freedom, and security of the people are at stake. Democracy or fascism, progress or reaction—this is the central issue of 1936.

At the head of the camp of reaction stands the Republican Party—the party of Wall Street, the party of the banks and monopolies. Landon and Knox are supported by the barons of steel oil, auto and munitions; by Morgan, the duPonts; and by that arch enemy of all decency, William Randolph Hearst. They are the candidates of the Liberty League, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Bankers' Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Legion.

#### CALL FOR A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Roosevelt is bitterly attacked by the camp of reaction. But he does not fight back these attacks. Roosevelt compromises. He grants but small concessions to the working people, while making big concessions to Hearst, Wall Street, and to the reactionaries.

The working people must organize themselves independently. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

### AGREEMENT ON FERRY DISMISSALS SEEN TO CONTAIN SOME BAD SPOTS

SAN FRANCISCO.—The members of the Ferryboatmen's Union here seem to have been made the victims of a bad a let-down as the San Francisco labor movement has yet seen.

This came in the shape of an agreement signed by officials of the Union with the Southern Pacific Co., relative to what will happen to the hundreds of ferryboatmen who will become unemployed when the bridges over the Bay are completed shortly.

The sentiment of the union membership was for a strike on ALL ferries if the companies refused to agree to a suitable dismissal wage for those who will be laid off.

It was announced in the San Francisco press last weekend that an agreement had been signed with the Southern Pacific, granting a month's dismissal wage for each year of employment.

#### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

At a meeting on Wednesday, July 8, Division Secretary Stillings of the Ferryboatmen's Union, acting for reactionary Secretary Deal, describes the agreement to the men to mean that a full month's wages for each year worked would be granted.

### STRIKERS FACE 'KILL' ORDERS FROM SHERIFF!

175 Charged With "Rioting," Face \$2000 Fine and 2 Years in Prison in Orange Strike

SANTA ANA, Calif., July 10.—"Shoot to kill," ordered Sheriff Logan Jackson, of Orange County, this week as the wealthy growers launched the most vicious wave of terror since the strike of the orange pickers began four weeks ago.

With American Legion vigilante mobs spreading terror throughout the orange belt of Southern California, aided by armed thugs, scabs and "peace officers," tension in the citrus district has developed to a high point.

#### 175 JAILED

Approximately 175 strikers, sympathizers and bystanders are in Orange County jails charged with "rioting" as the result of a bloody attack provoked by the banker-landlords and the capitalist press, last Monday. They face a \$2000 fine and two years in prison.

Hundreds of additional thugs, some of them "deputy sheriffs," were ordered to the groves and given orders by Sheriff Jackson to "shoot to kill" without even the formality of a single question.

Armed with pick-axes, chains and guns, mobs of vigilantes have surrounded groups of men, many of whom have no relation to the strikers or the strike situation, always attempting to provoke them.

#### CHILDREN SCAB

Hundreds of high school children are scabbing in the groves, while Mexican and Filipino pickers and their families are huddled in miserable shacks and forced to subsist on starvation rations.

The pickers' union demands 40 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, with a minimum of 30 boxes and seven cents a box beyond the minimum, with free transportation to and from the groves. The growers, receiving highest prices in ten years for citrus fruit, refuse to arbitrate, one remarking: "We must keep these skunks down where they belong."

#### STRIKERS FRAMED

Armed deputies and State Highway police are stationed at all road crossings in Orange County and searching all cars not in the rich man's class. Every constitutional right is violated by the \$12-a-day deputies in the employ of the growers. Workers' cars are stopped by one deputy who takes the drivers' licenses away; a few minutes later, the cars are stopped by another deputy and the drivers arrested. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

### SCHNEIDERMAN TO REPORT ON C. P. CONVENTION, SAT. NITE

Presidential Campaign Opens at Banquet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—With the return of the California delegation from the National Convention of the Communist Party held in New York, Bill Schneiderman, state organizer of the Party, who together with Anita Whitney, state chairman, headed the delegation, will open the Presidential election campaign in California at a banquet to welcome the returning delegates, Saturday night, July 11th, at 121 Haight street.

Comrade Schneiderman, Anita Whitney, and other delegates will report on the convention at the banquet, which will be followed by a series of mass meetings throughout the state for the Communist candidates, Earl Browder and James W. Ford. Browder is expected to speak in California in August, and Ford in October.

Similar welcoming banquets are being held in the East Bay, Friday night, July 10th, at Comrades' Hall, Berkeley, and in Los Angeles on Sunday night, July 19th.



# WPA Disfranchises Jobless

## CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE ARE THROWN OFF ROLLS

By ALEXANDER NORAL,  
Organizer California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations.

We are just beginning to feel the effect of the "new" WPA set-up, effective July 1st, 1936. The WPA has just fired two workers for running for political office, and has threatened one more for the same reason.

Frank Lintner and Wrexford Green, both working on Mills Field, and both running for the Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County, are the victims. The other one to be fired is a member of the Public Works and Unemployed Union in Alameda County.

### "PAUPERS" STATUS

The firing of these members of our unions, according to relief officials, is based on a clause in the new WPA law relative to the WPA set-up beginning July 1st; "That WPA is non-political; that government appropriations for WPA or no part of same shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any person who is a candidate for any State, District, County or Municipal office."

In some states those on the relief rolls are considered paupers, and laws have been passed that paupers lose their franchise (no right to vote).

The WPA has ruled that any unemployed worker can be forced, with the threat of starvation, to go outside of his home town or county to work on WPA, thus again depriving the unemployed in these cases of their franchise, and now if they run as political candidates they are fired.

### FURTHER IMPOSITION

Another brazen, and downright rotten trick of the relief officials has just come to light in San Francisco, where WPA officials have issued orders; that the project workers must make up time for the 4th of July holiday. This latter order is an addition to a \$5 a month cut for the unskilled laborers in San Francisco County as per the "new" set-up. The unemployed in this and other states are subject to the most ruthless regimentation in order to receive a few crumbs from the Wall Street oligarchy and its government.

When we protest to WPA officials about conditions and wages on the projects, they immediately say they can do nothing, as the sponsors of the projects are the bosses. When it comes to our constitutional rights, then the government is our boss; we are government employees with no rights.

### DEMAGOGUES' THUNDER

The Republican and Democratic Parties, at both of their recent conventions, shouted from the very bottom of their hearts that this country has the greatest democracy, and with a million insults hurled at each other, with tongue in their cheeks and hands on their loot, promised to save this democracy for the rich, for the Wall Street looters. This disfranchising of the workers is a clear-cut example of what is in the making in this "democratic" United States.

We unemployed and our organizations must prepare to immediately fight against these attacks. Rush a flood of protest resolutions to the National and State WPA officials and to Roosevelt. Organize large committees from your union and the projects to go to the WPA headquarters whenever they attempt to deprive us of our constitutional and political rights, and force them to rescind all such attempts. Only mass organization and struggle by the unemployed and employed will defend the interests of both.

We must more than ever involve ourselves in the election campaigns, nominate and elect our own candidates, support all other working class candidates whose program is in line with the needs and wants of the unemployed. Every local organization of unemployed should guarantee a full delegation to our State Unemployed Convention in Los Angeles, July 17-19, where we will discuss and work out a program of action to defend our civil, political and economic rights.

Both Democratic and Republican governors send the national guard against organized labor on strike. Build the Farmer-Labor Party.

## NEWS GUILD TO JOIN AFL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The A. F. of L. Executive Committee, on July 8th, voted favorably on the granting of a charter to the American Newspaper Guild, the trade union of newspaper editorial workers.

It is expected that the A. F. of L. Convention in October will vote to admit the newsmen to the organized labor movement. The Guild national executive board recently voted overwhelmingly for affiliation to the Federation.

## Cut WPA Workers' Pay; Raise Bosses

SAN FRANCISCO.—Bosses have received pay increases and thousands of workers have had their pay slashed on the WPA works project. William R. Lawson, San Francisco WPA director, who said hours of laborers had been cut from 120 to 108 per month, retaining the prevailing hourly wage scale, but their pay had been cut from \$60 to \$55 monthly.

Lawson claimed the increased pay for foremen was due to the fact that they work longer hours and are paid on a straight hourly basis.

In addition, the workers will be paid only for time worked, instead of the flat monthly rate, regardless of weather or other conditions stop work stoppages on the projects.

"They will be given opportunity to make up lost time," said Lawson.

The city administration protested the \$60 to \$55 cut for the workers on the ground that an agreement entered into between WPA and the city last October called for the \$60 scale, with hours adjusted to a prevailing wage basis.

Approximately 13,000 workers are on WPA payrolls here with about 6,000 on direct relief from the state.

Have you registered Communist yet? You have only until July 16.

## INDICT THREE FOR GRAFT AND EXTORTION IN LIQUOR PROBE

### \*BULLETIN

Police Judge George W. Hickman, of Albany; E. N. Bergstein, ex-liquor enforcement agent of the State Board of Equalization; and Michael Connolly, ex-enforcement chief of the board in Los Angeles and Oakland, were indicted by the Alameda County Grand Jury on charge of bribery and extortion in connection with the liquor graft probe.

ALAMEDA, Calif., July 10.—At least three indictments will be voted by the grand jury of Alameda County, it was expected here, as the jury's probe into liquor control graft neared a close.

Two Oakland enforcement agents have confessed that they accepted a \$500 bribe, and Emilio Giometti, former owner of a Fresno grewery, was testifying as to an alleged \$15,000 shake-down by Cleve Dixon, former chain liquor store operator and alleged associate of Michael Connolly, former chief of the State Board of Equalization's Oakland enforcement office.

Giometti is said to have been told by Dixon: "Well, for \$15,000 I'll fix it so you can re-open your brewery."

Capt. Thorvald Brown, commanding the Eastern division of the Oakland police, was linked with the graft probe in connection with the operation of an upstairs house of prostitution in East Oakland, in the testimony of Fred E. Stewart, Oakland member of the Board of Equalization.

The grand jury also planned to investigate books and records of Police Judge George W. Hickman, of Albany, after hearing him admit he had received fees ranging from \$800 to \$3500

## Miner Wins Out in High Court Ruling

SAN FRANCISCO.—The militant class struggle defense policy of the International Labor Defense won another sweeping victory here last Tuesday, July 7th when the State Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Monty Workman on charges of "carrying a concealed weapon" during the Amador County miners' strike of a year ago.

The case now goes back to the Amador court, where in all likelihood charges will be dropped.

Workman, a member of United Local 48 of the United Mine Workers of America, was convicted on the "concealed weapon" charge, although the "weapon" was only a 2-by-four plank in the back of another worker's automobile, and sentenced to 1-14 years in San Quentin Prison.

Defended by George Anderson, I. L. D. attorney, Workman won a retrial but was convicted again when the same judge who convicted the Modesto Boys at the instigation of Standard Oil, was brought to Amador County for the case and allowed vigilantes on the jury. The case was appealed again, and victory was achieved in the Supreme Court reversal.

A. Canales, who was given 1-5 years in San Quentin on a similar charge, subsequently had the charge reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor and given three and one-half additional months to serve in the Amador jail. He will be released the last of July.

Approximately 150 workers were arrested during the Amador strike of last year and many were brutally beaten by vigilantes.

## Report S.F. Printers Will Take Vote On Strike This Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO.—It is reported that a strike vote will be taken by Typographical Union No. 21 at a special meeting Sunday, unless the publishers' proposals on the wage scale are found acceptable. Strike sanction has already been granted by the International.

About 600 printers on all daily papers in San Francisco are involved.

### MILLION UNREGISTERED

SACRAMENTO.—One million citizens in California have not registered to vote, although they are eligible for the franchise. Of 3,900,000 citizens qualified to vote, only 2,900,000 are registered.

## Beaten



Rev. Claude C. Williams, Little Rock, Ark., minister, received nearly a score of blows from a leather strap in the hands of eastern Arkansas planters or their agents, when they kidnaped him near Earle. Williams, a member of the Religion and Labor Foundation and former Socialist candidate for governor, had gone to the cotton strike area to investigate the murder of a striking sharecropper.

## Unions Strong at Youth Congress

CLEVELAND.—Greetings from well-known trade union leaders poured into the American Youth Congress, just concluded here.

The convention showed a youth representation never before equalled as to broadness, in American history. About 400 of the 1300 delegates came from trade unions, Negro and peace groups, as well as student and religious bodies were also represented.

Among the political groupings to send delegates were such organizations as the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, North Dakota Non Partisan League, Washington Commonwealth Federation, Communist Party, Socialist Party, and progressive sections of both the Democratic and Republican Parties, such as the Texas Progressive Democrats.

### MARITIME DELEGATE

The Pacific Coast Maritime Federation was among the union groups represented.

That the American Youth Congress is fast becoming an important political factor was seen by the sending of a telegram of greeting by President Roosevelt, and the presence of a host of National Youth Administration officials at the Congress.

Resolutions were adopted for the passage of the National Youth Act; sending of a delegate to the coming World Youth Congress in Geneva; support of the anti-war strike next April; fight for freedom of Angelo Herndon, young Negro unemployed leader facing 20 years in Georgia chain gang.

William W. Hineckley of St. Joseph, Mo., was re-elected national chairman. He is a student at Columbia Teachers College, New York.

## 6,500 WORKERS WILL STAY ON S.F. WPA JOBS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Cultural projects employing 6500 workers will be continued, according to instructions received here from Harry L. Hopkins, national director of WPA, by local officials.

Five thousand dollars was forthcoming on Monday, July 6, following a mass protest by workers from the writers' project at the Project Building at 717 Market street, and additional and sufficient money will be provided, according to Deputy State Administrator Ralph G. Wadsworth.

Funds for the state amounting to \$12,000,000 have been received to carry WPA rolls to July 31st, said Wadsworth, but 1600 workers must be fired by then, according to regulations permitting no more than 104,450 workers by August 1.

## All Out to the BARN DANCE

ST. GEORGE'S HALL  
1447 16th Street  
SANTA MONICA  
Hill Billy Music, Pop Corn  
Hot Dogs, Apple Cider  
Women Wear Calico  
Men Wear Jeans—Admission 25c  
Auspices: Harry Sims and Louise Todd, Br. I.L.D.

## E. BAY COUNCIL DEFIES GREEN; ENDORCES C.I.O.

Pledges Support to Steel Drive; Scalpers Protest Humphreys Ousting From Meeting Of Council

OAKLAND.—The Alameda County Central Labor Council again defied William Green, this time in voting to send a telegram to John L. Lewis pledging support to the efforts of the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the steel industry on an industrial basis.

### AID MOONEY MEETING

The Council concurred in the request of the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee to join in the San Francisco Mooney demonstration on July 20.

The Council also concurred in a resolution sent by the California Conference of Typographical Unions, asking endorsement of a constitutional amendment giving Congress the right to legislate in the interest of labor.

The Sheet Metal Workers reported that they had placed the Aladdin Furnace Co. on the unfair list.

Due to the progressives' demand that the Council adjust its delegated representation to conform with the A. F. of L. constitution, the Council is now meeting in executive session and will continue to do so until after the elections are held the first Monday in August.

A resolution protesting the ousting of Miles Humphreys, a leader of the California Cotton Mill strike, from a meeting of the Council, was adopted at a recent meeting of Ship Scalpers' local 38-100.

## New Party Formed By S.P. Old Guard

NEW YORK.—No longer tolerated by the rank and file of the Socialist Party, the "Old Guards" who walked out at the Cleveland convention have set machinery in motion to place a new party in the field.

The two-day convention of the so-called Social Democratic Federation, just ended here, has decided to place on the ballot a full slate of congressional and legislative candidates under the name of the People's Party.

The proposal of Louis Waldman, leader of the Old Guard, to align the Social Democratic Federation with the pro-Roosevelt Labor Non-Partisan League was not put to a vote. A compromise was worked out instead, to set up a committee of nine, to negotiate with labor leaders and the Non-Partisan League for formation of a New York State Labor Party, which would exclude not only Communists, but also militant Socialists and many other progressive elements.

## Southern Croppers' Strike Ends With Large Wage Gains

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—With victory won in a great part of the cotton area, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union executive council, meeting here, called off the strike of 7000 share croppers in Arkansas.

Despite bloody violence by the planters and deputies, wages for farm laborers were raised from 65 and 75 cents a day to \$1 up to \$1.25 a day. The 10-hour day was established in many cases, and for the first time in history some planters agreed to contracts and collective bargaining with the Union.

### REGISTER COMMUNIST AS BLOW AGAINST REACTION!

## 4,500 HEAR SENATOR NYE IN S.F. ON 'WAR RACKETEERS'

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speakers included Anita Whitney representing the Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Law; George Wolff, representing District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation; the Rev. Donald M. Chase of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, and Bert Leech, organizer of the American League

## POLICE CHIEF BANS COUNCIL STREET STAND

RICHMOND, Calif., July 3.—At the last meeting of the Solano County Central Labor Council a committee was elected to be in charge of setting up on the streets, a stand to collect signatures for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism act. They have reported that over 700 signatures were filed with the County Clerk Friday.

When the committee later visited the chief of police to get a permit for the stand he informed they might collect signatures on the streets, but they were refused permission for the stand.

A letter from the arrangements committee for the Senator Nye meeting July 7th, asked the Council to have an official delegation at the meeting. A delegate took the ten tickets accompanying the letter and promised that he would sell them.

## Agreement On SF Ferry a Let Down

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1936, as "protected employees," eligible for benefits provided for in case of dismissal.

The agreement states that such employees, when laid off, will be provided with "reasonably comparable employment," and "of a character consistent with their physical and mental capacities." Such employment is to be provided for one month for each year of employment on the ferry.

The agreement, in a special note, goes on to say that records indicate "protected" employees who may be left without positions will be comparatively young in the service, and that therefore "it is not deemed necessary to fix a severance wage."

Thus the statements of Deal and other union officials that the men would be taken care of by dismissal wages of a month's wages per year of service are shown to be a bit hay-wire.

Instead, the displaced men are to be told to accept a month's work on any job offered them, and if they refuse, they are likely to receive no dismissal benefit whatever.

The men have been badly confused by the fact that there are clauses in the agreement which speak of dismissal wages, but these are nullified by the clauses on accepting employment on the basis of a month's work for each year of service.

## Deporting 2,862 Brings Tragedy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Tragedy will be enacted in the deportation of 2862 foreign-born workers, now being set in motion by the Department of Labor.

Most of the 2862 came to the United States as a result of racial, religious or political persecution in fascist European countries. They are being held on charges of "illegal entry."

The foreign-born to be deported will leave behind close relatives who will be left with no means of support. These include wives and children.

The failure of Congress in its closing hours to pass a resolution staying the deportations of the 2862 was due to the activities of pro-fascist members of Congress.

### PROTEST FROM MEXICO

MEXICO CITY.—Agricultural workers, members of the Mexican Confederation of Workers, are preparing a protest to Governor Frank Merriam of California against attacks on Mexican orange pickers in Orange County.

### Against War and Fascism.

Senator Nye was scheduled to address meetings at Santa Barbara on July 9 and Los Angeles on July 10.

(For a Western Worker interview with Senator Nye on important national questions, see Page 5. The Communist Party position on war appears on Page 4.)

## Warehouse Union Blasts Boss Lie On Strike in SF

### BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Warehousemen settled their strike on Thursday with important gains won. Packers and freight handlers won wage increase to 62½ cents an hour, and stock boys and selectors to 55 cents an hour.

Recognition of the union and of the grievance committee is also granted, with no discrimination against active union members. The strikers have won a 44-hour week and time and a half for overtime. A week's vacation with pay for those employed a year or over is also gained in the settlement.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Threats of big business interests will not halt the onward march of unionism among the San Francisco warehousemen. This was made plain in a reply by Warren Denton, Warehousemen's president, to the challenge thrown down by the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Assn.

"Threats of big business are not going to affect our stand," said Denton, "because we believe we are right." The Warehousemen and Cereal Workers' Union has six important houses tied up—Baker, Hamilton and Pacific, Dunham, Carrigan and Hayden, Sloss and Brittain, Sells Bros., N. Sells and Son, and the Dohmann Hotel Supply Co.

"We are sincerely anxious to settle this dispute," continued Denton, "and we are carrying on negotiations to that end, but we are not going to stop short of recognition as the bargaining agent for the men involved."

### BLAST OPEN SHOP LIES

Denton blasted the Chamber of Commerce scare attempt in which the open shoppers claimed that if the warehousemen's strike is won every business in the city would soon be permitted to operate only through I. L. A. hiring halls.

The union president pointed out that the strikers are not asking a closed shop, let alone a hiring hall, but are seeking preferential hiring.

"Our other demands are just as fair," said Denton. "We are asking a \$5 minimum daily wage, a 44-hour week, and time and a half for overtime. And we are asking a week's vacation for all employees of more than a year's service."

## FAMED SOVIET DIPLOMAT DIES AT AGE OF 64

MOSCOW.—George Vassilievitch Tchitcherin, former Soviet commissar for foreign affairs, died here last Tuesday, July 7th, of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Kremlin Hospital. He was 64 years old.

A member of the Bolshevik (Communist) Party since 1904, Tchitcherin became commissar for foreign affairs in 1918 following the proletarian revolution of October, 1917, and served until illness forced him to retire in 1930.

Even imperialist countries were forced to acknowledge Tchitcherin as one of the most brilliant diplomats of all time, and workers throughout the world hailed him as a mighty fighter against war and for peace. He served as commissar through the period that saw many European and Asiatic nations vote recognition of the Soviet Union, and also the Rapallo Treaty with Germany in 1922.

Tchitcherin had been in ill health, suffering from diabetes and complications, since 1925.

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## Strike in Oakland Young Plant Won

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conditions within the plant, as the workers are determined to carry the struggle for their ultimate demands into the factory.

The strike saw, on the one hand, all the forces of the East Bay employers concentrated upon breaking the strike, aided by police brutality and maneuvering of reactionary union officials such as Spooner, and Real of the Teamsters. On the other hand was the substantial support of East Bay labor, both on the picket line and financially.

### SECOND E. BAY VICTORY

The Federal Laborers' Union, to which the strikers belong, received its charter only a few days before the strike began.

This is the second victory in East Bay within the past two weeks. The Broadway Low Level turntable workers, who were locked out, turned the lock-out into a strike, and four days later won all demands, including the closed shop, wage increases and improvements in working conditions.

The ranks of the American Can Co. and California Cotton Mill strikers are still holding solid.

## 'SHOOT TO KILL' ARE ORDERS TO SHERIFF'S MEN

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for failure to have any operator's license.

Approximately 20 families have agreed to be defended by Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney of the 175.

Thirteen of the arrested men were arraigned before Judge Karl Kuechel in Anaheim, and held on "inciting and creating a riot." Outside the court 200 Mexicans cheered the prisoners.

Charles Wagner, director of the Placentia Mutual Orange Growers Association, was slightly injured when he attempted to provoke strikers near Fullerton, his own hired thugs mistaking him for a union leader. Special Deputy M. A. Peterson, taken to General Hospital at Fullerton, claimed he was injured when mysteriously beaten over the head with his own gun!

### THUGS PROVOKE FIGHT

Deputy Sheriff P. R. Whitmore and B. P. Haskins, rancher, were injured in the fighting they provoked at Fullerton. Strikers beaten up by the thugs were Juan Rodriguez, Caesarino Arroyo, and Juan Lopez.

Sheriff Jackson was reported last Monday to be asking Governor Merriam for the National Guard. However, conferring with District Attorney William Lenton, he decided "one more attempt would be made to handle this grave situation before sending to the governor for help" in smashing the strike.

### COURTS OF JUSTICE

FULLERTON.—Selection of a jury to try Charles McLaughlin, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, on charges of "trespassing" on posted ground in connection with the citrus strike, is still in process. Grover Johnson, I. L. D. attorney, is defending him.

Judge H. I. Spence arraigned 115 strikers under the trees in the courtyard on charges of "inciting and creating riot," while guards surrounded them with automatics, machine guns and tear gas bombs in perfect terroristic atmosphere.

### TRAILER RESIDENCES

LOS ANGELES.—Transient workers living in auto trailers "alarmed" the city health commission here, which asked the city council to prepare an amendment to consider as a "residence" any trailer occupied for more than two months.



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## 'QUEEN HELEN' IS SUPER-FIXER IN L.A. GRAFT!

Mrs. Werner, Her Husband, "Petticoat Pete," Are Leading Crooks in Liquor Graft

By John Broman  
Politics in Los Angeles have always been smelly with graft and corruption. Usually the lid is kept on the garbage can, but occasionally it tips off.

When the lid has tipped off in the past, the people have remarked at the bad odor, but have never done anything to clean up the mess, to fumigate the city, county and state governments. With the present liquor graft stench, people are wondering if Mrs. Helen M. Werner, described as the "superfixer" of the liquor control situation will be able to maintain her foothold as a boss politician.

Mrs. Werner, who likes to be called "Queen Helen," and her husband, "Petticoat Pete" Werner, are so crooked that when they want to look at each other in the eye they get at opposite ends of a spiral staircase.

### PETE RESIGNED

When Pete became a lawyer, his wife started grooming him for a political career and did her own daily dozen for the political shysters in order to advance Pete's career. So well did she perform, that with the election of William D. Stephens as governor, Pete was made chief inheritance tax attorney for Los Angeles, but by 1929 had to resign under fire.

Then "Queen Helen" decided Pete should be city attorney and she lined up the big business interests and the women's clubs and other phoney political organizations behind Pete's campaign. Strange to say, Pete was elected. But soon it was found that Pete wasn't city attorney even if he had been elected—his wife was. So the nominal city attorney got his nickname of "Petticoat Pete."

### THE "QUEEN" WEPT

Then in 1934 "Queen Helen" was indicted on charges of plotting to "fix" officials in the Italo-Petroleum oil prosecution, along with Appellate Judge Gavin Craig and Joseph Weinblatt, catchpot politician. Mrs. Werner wept copiously throughout the trial; she was acquitted. Craig and Weinblatt couldn't even manufacture glycerine tears, a la Hollywood; they were convicted and sentenced to jail.

Los Angeles people didn't hear much of Mrs. Werner after that. "Queen Helen" went underground and she came up right smack in the middle of the liquor graft stench. And in the regulation of liquor in California she was the "superfixer," according to Assemblyman Leon Donihue, chairman of the Assembly committee investigating the graft set-up. She was powerful enough to get a Los Angeles liquor administrator fired because he wouldn't obey her to have a Board of Equalization member, Orfa Jean Shontz, "kicked upstairs" into a judgeship.

### LABOR PARTY NEEDED

Important thing for Los Angeles working people to realize, is that "Queen Helen" isn't unusual except that men usually wear the pants in the political garbage can. Whether she remains crowned or uncrowned as "superfixer," such racketeers will continue to exact pound after pound of flesh from the exploited working people, along with their Chamber of Commerce bosses, until the working people form their own political party in Los Angeles and in California—a Farmer-Labor Party that will elect responsible workers and poor farmers to office, that will sweep out these grafters once and for all.

## COMMUNIST IS DEPORTED FOR AIDING WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO.—A resident of San Francisco for 14 years, Stewart Robertson, a member of the Communist Party was sent on a train for the East last week to be deported to Scotland for "subversive activities."

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Sam Jones



**SUPERVISOR MCDONOUGH,** accused by Leo Gallagher of hushing up police terror against field strikers, will be opposed in the 2nd Supervisorial District by Sam Jones, Communist - endorsed candidate, who has been active for many years in the struggle of the Los Angeles County unemployed. Jones is now a leader in the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

## Farley Is Charged As Defamatory by Liberty Leaguers

NEW YORK CITY.—Postmaster General James A. Farley was charged with "false and defamatory language" against the Liberty League in a statement issued by the league's executive committee following a conference attended by President J. Edgar Hoover, Al Smith, Capt. W. H. Stuyton, and Irene du Pont, munitions king.

Farley's "language" referred to was in his speech at the Philadelphia Democratic national convention, stating:

"Behind the Republican ticket is the crew of the Du Pont Liberty League and their allies, which have so far financed every undercover agency that has disgraced American politics with their appeals to race prejudice, religious intolerance and personalities so gross that they had to be repudiated by the Republican organization."

Said the Liberty League: "The American Liberty League challenges Mr. Farley to produce concrete evidence in support of his statement that the league has financed any 'undercover agency, etc.'"

But the Liberty League did not challenge Farley's statement that the fascist-minded Liberty League is behind the Republican ticket!

## Have 'Big Shots' Got the 'Wind Up'?

LOS ANGELES.—The political "big shots" must have the "wind up" here in connection with graft investigations and protest against police brutality, with the result that the "little shots" are getting it in the neck for their violations.

Patrolman O'Neill D. Ganey, 33, of the metropolitan police squad, was arrested when an unnamed woman identified him as the man who had beaten her and then attempted to attack her.

George A. Brown, head of the commissary at the General Hospital was discharged in a letter filed by Superintendent of Charities Rex Thompson with the Civil Service Commission. Brown was accused of using his office for personal gain.

Tell your fellow-union members what unions throughout the country are doing in building the Farmer-Labor Party. Read about it in the Western Worker.

## Hollywood Aids Scottsboro Boys

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Hollywood again proved its sympathy for the Scottsboro boys at the benefit last night at the Central Avenue Club Alabam.

Although proceeds are not totaled, a similar benefit given at the same place two months ago netted \$1000.

Among those in attendance were Francis Lederer, Lionel Stander, Robert Armstrong, Clarence Muse, Guy Endore, Samuel Ornitz, Lou Darro, Robert Tasker, John Bright, Arthur Strawn, Alan Baxter, Jorg Ivens, Frank Tuttle, and Russel Hicks.

## FLAY 'PEACE' OFFICERS FOR STRIKE TERROR

Leo Gallagher Indicts Board Of Supervisors; Protest Committee Makes Demands

LOS ANGELES.—Leo Gallagher, people's candidate for district attorney and International Labor Defense counsel, flayed the "peace officers" of Los Angeles County who are guilty of terrorism against striking agricultural workers, before the Board of Supervisors here at its regular meeting on Monday, July 6th.

As one of the large delegation of liberals protesting the terror, Gallagher challenged the supervisors' customary run-around tactics by inviting them to go with him to secure a warrant for the arrest of deputy sheriffs responsible for the brutal beating of Manuel Zanebrano and Joe Hernandez. Both men were prepared to testify.

### WON'T ARREST COPS

"I have gone to court with men with blood on their faces after being beaten up by police," said Gallagher, "and couldn't get a warrant for the officers. The district attorney and city prosecutor won't issue a warrant in these cases."

Supervisor Leland Ford angrily shouted: "Do you mean the enforcement of law and order in this country has broken down to this level? I don't believe it."

Gallagher charged that Supervisor Gordon McDonough, chairman of the "Public Safety Committee," was in league with Sheriff Biscailuz to "cover up" the beating of strikers by officers.

When McDonough did not take any offense, Supervisor Ford shouted: "You asked for this. I wouldn't let them say that to me."

### CONSTITUTION SCRAPPED

"The Constitution of the United States, and of California as well, has been made a scrap of paper by the public authorities of this city and county," charged Gallagher, "and Leland Ford and every other public official knows this to be true!"

The delegation was led by Dr. E. P. Ryland, Methodist minister of Hollywood and president of the Los Angeles American Civil Liberties Union, who demands that the people "should know about these acts of violence by the sheriff's force."

Demands of the delegation were:

### DEMAND ACTION

1. That the board go on record opposing employment of minors and school children in local industry and agriculture which the board did in principle.

2. That the board adopt a county ordinance illegalizing the hiring of children under 18 years of age and providing county support and vocational training for children under 18 who have no means of support—the supervisors tabled this demand in effect, by referring it to the county counsel for consideration.

3. That the board hold an open hearing in the presence of the accused deputy sheriffs and discharge them if it be proved that they were guilty of violence—the supervisors unanimously rejected this proposal.

4. That the board adopt a resolution to the effect that it did not approve of the use of law enforcement agencies of the county to terrorize strikers—adopted with the qualification that it was not intended to be a reprimand of the sheriff's office.

### FASCIST JOINS 'UNION PARTY'

CHICAGO.—The Nazi-like role being played by the new Coughlin-Lemke "Union Party" was again evidenced here when it was learned that Newton Jenkins, Chicago fascist, is to be Lemke's national headquarters manager.

Jenkins is known for his work here toward establishment of a fascist "autarchy" in the United States.

Big Bill Thompson, former Republican Mayor in the heyday of Al Capone and now running "independently" for governor of Illinois, has also climbed on the bandwagon of Coughlin and Lemke and is making overtures to the Townsend clubs to bring them into the "Union Party."

## TOWNSEND HAS ANTI-NEW DEAL 'LINE' OF G.O.P.

Doctor's Strange Bedfellow Also Attacks President As "Communist"

OAKLAND.—Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of the old-age pension movement and his strange bedfellow, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, took the "line" of the Liberty League and the Republican Party here last Saturday in a huge mass meeting by attacking the Roosevelt administration as "Communist."

Smith, who was right-hand stooge to the late Huey P. Long, waved a Bible in one hand as he yelled: "We are not going to turn America over to a bunch of atheistic, brain-truster Russian pinks."

"America has lost her liberty. We have Mr. Tugwell, the Communist; the damnable dictatorship of Farley. Communism rules."

### TOWARD FASCISM?

Without clarifying his statement, which hinted at a possible fascist trend, Dr. Townsend said: "It is high time for the American people to change the system of government in this country. This administration is the greatest example of wholesale bribery that ever cursed the country. Let's damn them this fall."

San Francisco Townsendsites have indicated they will not follow the doctor into the fascist-minded "Union Party," organized by Father Coughlin with William Lemke as presidential candidate should Townsend make such a "deal."

## Teachers Seeking Academic Freedom

By A Worker Correspondent

With many other groups of workers today demanding security, California teachers are asking for Constitutional Tenure in the State Constitution, so that we would have some assurance that the biennial attempts to wrest tenure from teachers, or to so emasculate it as to render it worthless, would be stopped.

The last important change in the tenure law, at the 1935 legislative session, made "criminal syndicalism" a cause for dismissal of teachers.

The initiative amendment to appear on the November ballot will give, if passed, Constitutional Tenure, removing this vicious "C. S." measure as a reason for firing teachers. It would also set up a teachers' council, to be elected directly from the ranks of classroom teachers, to hear and to make decisions on all cases of teachers accused of inefficiency. This tribunal would recommend to the Board of Education employing the teacher in question, but would be able to seek recourse to the regular courts if the teacher was not satisfied by the decision.

The initiative amendment is supported by all locals of the Teachers' Union, A. F. of L. throughout the state and by the Association of California Classroom Teachers and its affiliates. It is being sponsored by the California Teachers' Association, a company union under complete control of the administrators.

You who want your children to be taught by teachers free to speak the truth without fear of reprisals, will want to support the initiative amendment. Help us teachers to preserve academic freedom in California!

### WPA Drives Against Foreign-Born in L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Acting on orders from Washington, WPA officials here have begun a vicious three-week campaign against the foreign-born unemployed, to slash from relief and WPA rolls all aliens who allegedly entered illegally.

All candidates for public office and their campaign managers were also ordered cut from relief or fired from WPA jobs. All relief employees are required to fill out a special questionnaire containing such questions as "Are you a United States citizen?" and "Have you documentary evidence of legal entry?" etc.

**PROPAGANDIZE BOYS**  
SAN FRANCISCO.—Militaryism will be fed to boys via the National Broadcasting Company in "Cadet Life," dramatic serial by Howard Pease, author of boy's books, on Tuesday and Friday nights. The program will "dramatize" life at a military academy.

## C.P. DEMANDS FREE SPEECH FOR FRESNO!

Seek Mandate Writ to Force Supervisors' Permit for Court House Park Meetings

FRESNO, Calif.—The Fresno Section of the Communist Party filed suit in Superior Court here on Monday, July 6th, for a writ of mandate against the county to force the Board of Supervisors to grant the Communist Party a permit to use the Court House for public mass meetings.

On July 20th, 1934, the supervisors passed an ordinance prohibiting the Communist Party from holding any meetings in the Court House Park, under the guise of preventing "serious breaches of peace, riots, and affairs."

### FREE SPEECH?

The ordinance stated: "It is satisfactorily appearing to this Board that the right of free speech guaranteed by our Constitution is not a matter subject to deliberate and unjustified abuse but must be governed to conform with at least the dictates of human reason."

All supervisors—McMurtre, Clark, Jones, Collins, and Gonservot voted for this ordinance sponsored by the bankers and wealthy growers.

Workers and liberals have rallied to the support of the Communist Party in its fight for freedom of speech and assembly here, and are aiding both financially and morally.

### PATTERSON SPEAKS

"Since practically every county in the agricultural districts of California has passed similar legislation, this fight is of major importance to the workers of the whole state," declared Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate in the 9th Congressional District.

"The winning of the Fresno County fight will set a precedent for the other counties."

All workers are urged to send letters and telegrams to the Superior Court, Fresno, demanding that the Communist Party be accorded the same rights and privileges granted to other political parties.

## Communists Warn Pension Movement

PASADENA, Calif.—Warning the members of the Townsend Clubs against the dangerous coalition between Dr. F. E. Townsend and the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, "share-the-wealth" demagogue, and against entering into the fascist-minded "Union-Party" of Father Coughlin and William Lemke, the Los Angeles County Committee of the Communist Party issued thousands of leaflets at the Rose Bowl meeting here on Sunday, July 5th.

Smith, who used to work for the late Huey P. Long, and Townsend co-starred in urging the Townsendites not to support either Democrat or Republican tickets in the November elections, foreshadowing a coalition with the "Union Party."

The Communist Party leaflet closed by stating:

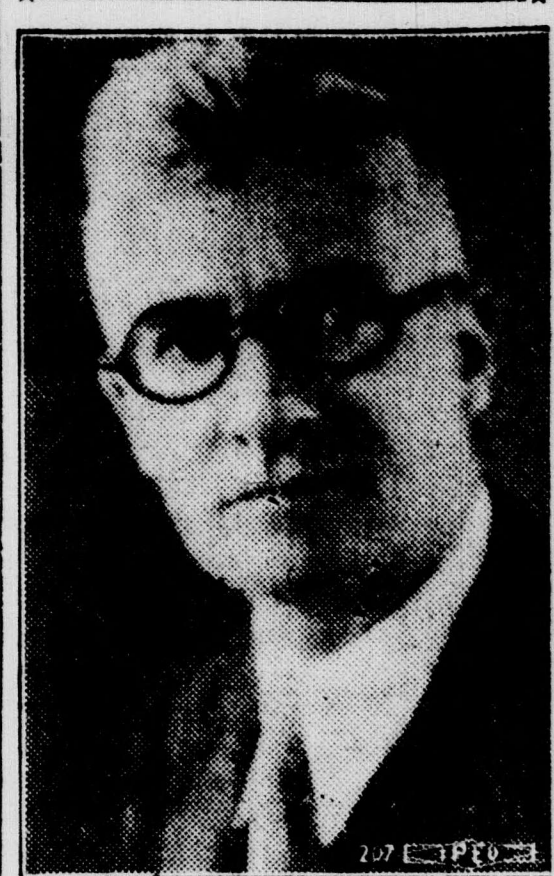
"The Townsend movement must ally itself with labor, farm, and progressive groups in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. Only in this way will the Townsend movement find sincere allies in the struggle for old age pensions and for the other needs of the common people."

### BORAH STAYS WITH THE GOP

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator William E. Borah is running true to form as the stalking horse for the reactionary forces of America. Making a pretense of objections to the most open Wall Street elements on "liberal" grounds Borah nevertheless has never bolted the Republican Party and has just announced that he will support Hearstman Alf Landon on the G. O. P. ticket this year.

Typical of Borah's demagoguery is his recent statement on the fascist-tending Republican platform, which he helped largely to write: "I think the platform brings the party right back where it belongs."

## Beat Crum! Vote For Gallagher!



### LEO GALLAGHER

Progressive, liberal, and radical forces of Los Angeles are rallying behind the campaign of Leo Gallagher, world-famous labor attorney, for the Superior Court against the labor-hating incumbent, Judge Arthur Crum, tool of the reactionary Los Angeles Times. Gallagher has opened campaign headquarters in Room 624, American Bank Building, Los Angeles.

## Narrow Escape Is Proof of Dangers Of One-Man Cars

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—Vividly illustrating the dangerous character of one-man street cars, Fred Adams, 73, of 2030 Fell street, narrowly escaped death beneath the wheels of a one-man car at Kearney and Sacramento streets last week.

As the automatic doors closed, Adams' overcoat was pinned and he was thrown beneath the wheels, only to be saved by a witness who jumped from the curb to his rescue. The elderly man's cane was severed by the wheels of the car.

One man cars in Los Angeles have been involved in scores of accidents within the last year. Brotherhood of Railway and Motion pictures taken by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Pacific Electric local of Los Angeles, proved definitely the dangers of one-man cars.

Despite the expressed will of the citizens of San Francisco, the Market Street Railway continues to operate one-man cars, under the infamous decision of Judge Louderback, and claims in costly propaganda circulars that one-man cars are "safer and faster."

Net earnings of the railway were \$1,275,144 in 1931; \$878,825 in 1932; \$1,095,042 in 1933; and \$923,197 in 1934.

All Communist Party candidates in San Francisco for the coming elections, are pledged to a fight against one-man cars.

## Hollywood Branch Of C.P. In Record

HOLLYWOOD.—The newly organized 56th Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party broke all previous records here during the June 27-28th mobilization for signatures on the Criminal Syndicalism Act repeal petitions.

One member of the branch is now on his ninth petition, and recommends as an effective method, the circulation of several petitions among a group of people, so as to cover the ground rapidly and leave no one waiting unnecessarily. Another member has filled three petitions.

## SINCLAIR PUTS F.D.R. IN NOVEL

PASADENA, Calif.—Hoping that the President will "find food for thought in it" Upton Sinclair, Epic movement founder who has retired to seclusion and book-writing, has made Franklin Delano Roosevelt a character in his latest novel entitled "Co-op."

The book is also being made into a play for proposed Broadway stage and Hollywood film production said Sinclair. The writer also announced plans for a series of radio broadcasts but insisted "my retirement from politics is complete and final."

### COP SLEEPS

SAN JOSE.—Found asleep at the Y. M. C. A., many blocks off his beat, Henry Cunningham, police officer, has been suspended by Police Chief J. N. Black.

## SUPERVISORS VOTE 'MAJOR DISASTER' ACT

L. A. Labor Forces Restriction of Ordinance to 'Acts Of God'; Gallagher Speaks

LOS ANGELES, July 7.—A "major disaster" ordinance was adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors yesterday.

Labor leaders were on hand to protest the possibility of the new measure being used against workers during times of strike.

Leo Gallagher, attorney for the International Labor Defense, and Pat Calahan chairman of the Los Angeles County Council of the Public Works and Unemployed Union contended that, although functions of the disaster organization were restricted to "acts of God," it probably would be used against labor in times of strife despite these restrictions.

### ADOPTED AS AMENDED

The ordinance was finally adopted with the amendment specifically stating that "it shall never be used in domestic disturbances, strikes, labor difficulties, etc."

Gallagher clashed with J. W. Euzzell, conservative secretary of the Central Labor Council, when the latter said:

"Mr. Gallagher does not speak for the Central Labor Council." Gallagher lost no time in replying:

"I admit I don't speak for the big heads of labor, but I am speaking for the rank and file of the working men in this community."

## Reveal Plans for PWUU Convention

LOS ANGELES.—A huge mass meeting will welcome delegates to the second California convention of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations, with Workers' Alliance groups invited, it was announced by Pat Calahan, county organizer of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

The meeting will be held the night of July 17th, opening day of the convention, at the Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake street.

Scheduled for the night of July 18th is the grand dance at the Music Arts Hall, 233 South Broadway, with excellent music to be provided by a union orchestra. Admission will be 25 cents.

Regular sessions of the convention will be held at the Co-operative Auditorium, 842 South Main street. The P. W. U. U. is hoping to bring out David Lasser and Herbert Benjamin, national leaders of the Workers Alliance, to speak to the convention.

Chief task of the convention will be to achieve unity between all unemployed and WPA unions and groups in California, in accordance with the historic unity convention held last spring on a national scale under the auspices of the Workers Alliance of America.

Alex Noral, state unemployed organizer, reports from San Francisco that hundreds of convention calls have gone to unemployed unions, trade unions, and other pro-labor groups throughout the state.

## Hearst-Morgan Bank Slips Into Riverside

RIVERSIDE.—The Bank of America, which is closely linked with William Randolph Hearst and the House of Morgan, has moved into Riverside with the purchase of control of the First National Bank.

Purchase of the bank was announced by L. M. Giannini, president of the Bank of America, who announced he planned eventually to merge the First National Bank into the branch system of the Bank of America.

### SEAMAN KILLED

NEW YORK CITY.—Seaman A. Ricana, 30, Filipino, from the S.S. California, was killed when an automobile crashed through the boarding of an excavation in Brooklyn, struck a sand pile and stopped on the shoring over the pit. Another seaman from the ship was critically injured.



## Vote Communist!

## FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Put America back to work—provide jobs and a living wage.
2. Provide unemployment insurance, old age pensions, and social security for all.
3. Save the young generation.
4. Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil.
5. The rich hold the wealth of the country—make the rich pay.
6. Defend and extend democratic and civil liberties. Curb the Supreme Court.
7. Full rights for the Negro people.
8. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.

How About Vandeleur  
DOING Something for  
Agricultural Workers?

IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT THE STOCKTON AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE AND THE STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR DID SOMETHING TO AID THE STRUGGLING AND OPPRESSED FIELD WORKERS OF CALIFORNIA. TO PUT THEIR RESOLUTIONS INTO PRACTICAL EFFECT.

At the present time in Los Angeles and Orange counties, nearly 5000 orange pickers are on strike in the groves, faced with hunger and want and the terror of the wealthy growers. More than 200 Mexican field and packing shed workers are in jail on trumped-up charges. Many more have been beaten and slugged by hired gangsters and by the hundreds of "deputy sheriffs" sworn in by fascist-minded Sheriff Logan Jackson. Even the State Highway Patrol is helping the growers crush the strike.

The orange pickers need the help of the conference desperately, and they need the financial and moral assistance of the State Federation of Labor. Ed Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation, supported the Stockton conference; now let him show the tens of thousands of agricultural workers throughout the state that he and the other A. F. of L. officials mean to do something to better the miserable conditions of the field laborers.

Donations of money, food, clothing, gasoline, and mimeograph supplies are particularly asked for by the Confederation of Mexican Unions, leading the strikes in the groves and in the vegetable fields. All donations should be sent to Bernardo Lucero, 1606 - 259th Place, Harbor City, Calif.

...This orange pickers' strike is a crucial struggle. All efforts to aid these heroic workers to win this strike, all efforts to organize all agricultural workers in California!

What They Fear the  
Communists Will Do

Why is the "Constitutional Liberty League," headed by one Rev. I. R. Wall, threatening to seek an injunction to keep Communist Party candidates off the ballot in the November elections?

And why is that foul ball, The American Citizen, picking up this campaign against the Communist Party?

The answer is plain. The ruling class of California—Fleishhacker, Giannini, Hearst, Chandler, et al—are afraid of the Communist Party. Not that they fear the Communist Party is going to lead a proletarian revolution in the near future—they know better than that—but they do fear the immediate building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California, and they know that the Communist Party is the most active force in its advocacy and building.

The ruling class fears that such a

Farmer-Labor Party would grow strong and sweep the polls for the common people of the state, would increase the living standards of the working men and women of California at the expense of the rich individuals, estate, and corporations. That's why they are prompting their tools in this move to get Communist candidates off the ballot.

The most effective rebuke the working people can give to these enemies of the people, is to support the election campaign of the Communist Party, both morally and financially. The Communist Campaign Committee needs funds to carry on a really effective campaign for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party and urges all working people to send in contributions to Anita Whitney, state campaign treasurer, at 121 Haight st., San Francisco.

Whoever Wrote the Steel  
Trust Statement Dictated  
The G. O. P. Labor Plank

Said Earl Browder in his report to the recent Ninth Convention of the Communist Party:

"The Communist Party declares without qualification that the Landon-Hearst-Wall Street ticket is the chief enemy of the liberties, peace, and prosperity of the American people. Its victory would carry our country a long way on the road to fascism and war."

Proof needed?

Republican plank on labor: "Protect the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of its own choosing without interference FROM ANY SOURCE." (Meaning protection of company unions from A. F. of L. organization.)

Statement of the American Iron and Steel Institute in reply to the Committee for Industrial Organization's campaign to organize the 500,000 workers in the steel industry: "The steel industry will use its resources to the best of its ability to protect its employees . . . and to aid them in maintaining collective bargaining free from interference FROM ANY SOURCE."

Both Republican plank and Steel Trust statement were apparently written by the same hand, by some one in the offices of J. P. Morgan and Co., which, as John L. Lewis boldly pointed out in his radio talk last Monday, controls the Steel Trust.

The only difference is that the Republican plank did not dare come out so openly as the Steel Trust statement in threatening armed forces against the workers who dare to seek the protection of a bona fide trade union.

"1,000 Signatures Club"  
Deserves Tribute

Shock-brigaders against reaction!

The Western Worker pays militant tribute to the members of the "1000 Signatures Club" or circulators of petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Realizing the tremendous importance of repealing this viciously anti-labor act, these workers have jumped into the forefront of the battle for the people's rights against the repression of the ruling banker-industrialist class of California. With the campaign for signatures lasting two weeks more, several of these shock-brigaders are closely approaching their goal of 1000 signatures to the initiative repeal petitions and will probably go way over the top on their self-adopted quotas.

Full honor also goes to those circulators who are bringing in 100 or more signatures, and to those who are filling one petition, 70 signatures.

Placing of the C. S. Act repeal on the November ballot, will be largely due to the heroic efforts of these shock-brigaders of the people.

Text of Communist Election Program Calls  
For United People's Front Against ReactionNEW UNION PARTY IS  
CREATURE OF  
HEARST

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under their own banner, with their own leadership and program: They must organize a great Farmer-Labor Party to fight for and establish a People's Government—a government of, for and by the people. They must unite for forces of progress against the forces of reaction.

The secretly formed Union Party of Lemke and Coughlin is not the new party for which the people are looking. It is the creature of Landon, Hearst and the Liberty League. Under cover of radical sounding words, its program contains essentially the same proposals as the Republican platform. It is deceiving its followers. It is the tool of the reactionaries.

But a real people's party is arising. Organized by the workers and farmers themselves the Farmer-Labor Party is growing in the majority of states. Unable to put up a presidential ticket this year it is organizing on a national scale. It fights for local, state and congressional offices. It is the most hopeful sign in American political life. It is cooperating with the powerful trade unions in the new Labor's Non-Partisan League against the Republicans. It will undoubtedly be a major contender in the presidential elections of 1940. The Communist Party unconditionally supports the building of the Farmer-Labor Party. It pledges itself to work to bring the trade unions and all progressive forces into its ranks. The Socialist Party on a national scale is withholding its cooperation with all other groups. It conducts a harmful policy of isolation. It gives little help to the people's struggle against reaction. We appeal to the Socialist Party to change its course. We urge it to unite with us and the mass of the toilers against reaction.

In this situation the Communist Party comes forward with its own presidential ticket and its own platform. It enters the campaign to defend and promote the unity of the working people. It pledges to fight for their interests, to defeat the reactionaries, to build the Farmer-Labor Party, and finally, to win the masses to the banner of Socialism. The chief aim of the Communist Party today is to defeat the Landon-Hearst-Wall Street ticket—to defeat the forces of Wall Street.

The Communist Party and its candidates stand on the following platform which expresses the immediate interests of the majority of the population of our country:

I. Put America Back to Work—Provide  
Jobs and Living Wage.

Open the closed factories—we need all that our industries can produce. If the private employers will not or cannot do so, then the government must open and operate the factories, mills and mines for the benefit of the people.

Industry and the productive powers of our nation must be used to give every working man and woman a real, American standard of living, with a minimum annual wage guaranteed by law.

We demand equal opportunity for women in industry and all spheres of life. We favor legislative measures for the improvement of the wages and working conditions of women.

We demand a 30-hour week without reduction in earnings, at trade union rates and conditions, in private industry and on public works.

We oppose the present railroad consolidation policy which results in the discharge of hundreds of thousands of workers.

We demand higher wages and vacations with pay. We demand the abolition of the wage differential between the North and the South.

II. Provide Unemployment Insurance,  
Old Age Pensions, and Social Security For All.

It is the obligation of the American government to establish an adequate system of social insurance for the unemployed, the aged, the disabled and the sick, as provided in the Frazier-Lundeen Bill. This bill provides compensation to all unemployed without exception, and pensions for the aged from 60 years, at rates equal to former earnings, but in no case less than \$15 per week. Make the Frazier-Lundeen Bill the law of the land!

We favor a federal system of maternity and health insurance.

We stand for adequate relief standards for all unemployed. We demand a stop to all relief cuts. The Federal Government must continue and extend the WPA. We favor an extensive Federal Works Program, to provide housing at low rentals, schools, hospitals, health and recreational facilities as provided for in the proposed six billion dollar appropriation of the Marcantonio Relief Standards Bill.

We support the demands of the Veterans

## Mapping Fight Against American Fascism



BELOW is a scene from the 9th National Convention of the Communist Party of America, recently held in New York. At the top are James W. Ford, vice presidential candidate; William Z. Foster, leader of the 1919 steel strike and now national chairman of the Party, and General Secretary Earl Browder, candidate for president.

for uniform pension laws and for adequate hospitalization.

## III. Save the Young Generation!

Our country can and must provide opportunity, education and work for the youth of America. These demands of the young people as embodied in the American Youth Act—the Benson-Amble Bill must be enacted into law.

This Bill provides for jobs, educational opportunities and vocational training for all youth between the ages of 16 and 25. The National Youth Administration budget must be maintained and enlarged.

Military training in the CCC and schools must be abolished.

Free education and financial assistance to the youth and the children must be guaranteed by both Federal and State appropriations.

Child labor must be once and for all abolished and made unconstitutional.

## IV. Free the Farmers From Debts, Unbearable Tax Burdens and Foreclosures, Guarantee the Land to Those Who Till the Soil.

We declare that the American government is obligated to save the American farmers from distress and ruin, to guarantee the farmers and tenants their inalienable rights to possession of their land, their homes and chattels. We demand for this purpose the immediate refinancing of the farmers' debt with government loans at nominal interest.

We demand a stop to evictions and foreclosures and a long term moratorium on all needy farmers' debts and measures taken to provide land for the landless farmers.

We favor immediate relief to the drought stricken farmers by the government. We favor a graduated land tax to prevent the accumulation of large land holdings in the hands of the insurance companies, private and government banks and other absentee owners.

We favor exemption from taxation of small operating farmers and farm cooperatives.

We are unalterably opposed to the policy of crop destruction and curtailment.

We support government regulation of farm prices with the aim of guaranteeing to the farmer his cost of production. We urge scientific soil conservation under supervision of the elected representatives of farmers organizations with compensation to farmer-owners and tenants for loss of income.

## V. The Rich Hold the Wealth of Our Country—Make the Rich Pay.

We demand that social and labor legislation shall be financed and the budget balanced by taxation upon the rich. We are opposed to the sales tax in any form, including processing taxes, and call for their immediate repeal. The main source of government finance must be a system of sharply graduated taxation upon incomes of over \$5000 a year, upon corporate profits and surpluses as well as taxation upon the present tax exempt securities and large gifts and inheritances. People of small income, small property and home owners

must be protected against foreclosures and seizures and from burdensome taxes and high interest rates.

We are unconditionally opposed to inflationary policies which bring catastrophe and ruin to the workers, farmers and middle classes and enrich the speculators.

We favor nationalization of the entire banking system.

## VI. Defend and Extend Democratic and Civil Liberties! Curb the Supreme Court!

We support a constitutional amendment to put an end to the dictatorial and usurped powers of the Supreme Court. We demand further that Congress immediately reassert its constitutional powers to enact social and labor legislation and to curb the Supreme Court usurpation.

We champion the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly and the right to organize and strike. We call upon the people to safeguard these traditional liberties.

We stand for Federal legislation which will establish labor's full right to collective bargaining, which will outlaw the company unions, the spy and stool pigeon systems, and all other coercion by employers.

We demand heavy penalties and imprisonment for employers guilty of discharging workers for union or political activities.

We demand the abolition of poll taxes and all other limitations on the right to vote.

We demand the release of political prisoners among whom Tom Mooney, Angelo Herndon, and the Scottsboro boys are but the outstanding examples.

The infamous policy of deportation of foreign-born workers must be stopped. The traditional American right of asylum for political refugees must be re-established. Anti-semitic propaganda must be prohibited by law.

## VII. Full Rights for the Negro People.

We demand that the Negro people be guaranteed complete equality, equal rights to jobs, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. Segregation and discrimination against Negroes must be declared a crime. Heavy penalties must be established against mob rule, floggers and kidnapers with the death penalty for lynchings. We demand the enforcement of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

## VIII. Keep America Out of War by Keeping War Out of the World!

## VOTE COMMUNIST!

We declare that peace must be maintained and defended at all costs. We declare in favor of strengthening all measures for collective security. We favor effective, financial and economic measures to this end by the League of Nations, against Hitler Germany, Italian Fascism and Japanese Imperialism. These measures should be supported by the United States Government.

We consider the expenditure of billions for armaments and war preparations unnecessary and provocative, contributing to

DEFEND AND EXTEND  
OUR DEMOCRATIC  
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the danger of a new world war. Instead of ever greater armaments, we believe that the United States should develop an American Peace Policy in close collaboration with the Soviet Union, based on complete prohibition of the sale or delivery of goods, or the granting of loans to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. The huge funds now spent for armaments should be turned to the support of the suffering people.

We demand the nationalization of the entire munitions industry.

We demand an end to American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin-American countries and the Philippines.

We demand the strict non-recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China, and of Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

We support the Puerto Rican demand for independence.

We support the complete independence and self-determination of all oppressed nations.

This platform represents the life-needs of the majority of workers, farmers and middle classes today. These demands can be won even under the present capitalist system. This is being conclusively proven by the victories of the People's Front in France. We appeal to all members of the American Federation of Labor and farm organizations, to our comrades in the Socialist Party, to all who toil with hand or brain, Negro and white, to unite in a determined fight to achieve the demands of the people and to beat back the sinister forces of reaction.

The fight for these demands will organize and strengthen the people. It will give them deeper political experience and understanding. It will prepare them for the great decisions to come when it will be necessary to move forward to socialism.

Today the immediate issue is democracy or fascism. But the consistent fight for democracy in the conditions of declining capitalism will finally bring us to the necessary choice of the Socialist path.

Our land is the richest in the world. It has the largest and most skilled working class. Everything is present to provide a rich and cultured life for the whole population. Yet millions starve. The whole nation suffers, because capitalism is breaking down, because profits are the first law and are put above human needs—and the capitalist rulers are turning to fascism and war.

The Communist Party prepares the people to bring an end to this crucifixion of humanity. Our economy must be taken from the incompetent and greedy hands of Wall Street. It must be made the common property of the whole people. It must be operated fully for the benefit of all who work. This will be socialism. Only when socialism will be established, as today in the Soviet Union will there be no crisis, no poverty, no unemployment—but abundance and security for all, with the gates of progress open to humanity.

Reactionaries of all shades cry out against Socialism. They say it is revolutionary. True, the change to socialism will be revolutionary, but since when is revolution un-American? On the contrary, revolution is the proudest tradition of our people who have always been among the most revolutionary peoples of the world.

Communism is 20th Century Americanism. The Communist Party continues the traditions of 1776, of the birth of our country; of the revolutionary Lincoln, who led the historic struggle that preserved our nation. In the greater crisis of today only the Communist Party shows a way to a better life now, and to the future of peace, freedom and security for all.

By supporting, working with, and voting for the Communist Party in the November elections; by organizing the mass production industries into powerful industrial unions, in a United American Federation of Labor; by independent political action and by building the American People's Front—the toilers of America can best fight for the realization of their aims in 1936.

Forward to a progressive, free, prosperous and happy America.

The new Soviet constitution is the only one in history to guarantee economic security to the common people.

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# French Socialist-Radical Government Seeks To Curb Power of Capitalists

## France May Nationalize Major Arms Industries

### LEGISLATION ENACTED TO CURB BANKERS

PARIS, France.—Legislation has been enacted by the Blum government to curb the powers of the Bank of France. Controlled by 200 multimillionaire families, this dominant financial institution has in the past been known as France's "second government." Through a network of ownership and controls, the wealthy clique it represents dominates virtually the whole of French industry and banking. Upon election of the Socialist-Radical government to power, French capitalists have sought to use this agency to sabotage Blum's power and precipitate a financial crisis, thus creating a gap into which their subsidized fascist forces could march.

#### THE CROIX DE FEU

Followers of the fascist Croix de Feu, an armed organization sponsored and financed by munition makers, have been running wild in the streets of Paris, deliberately inciting riots and disorders to discredit the Blum government. Gendarmes, supported by workers, have served to quell the rioters.

#### MUNITIONS INDUSTRY

Legislation is now before the chamber of deputies calling for the nationalization of practically all French munition works. Among the factories which will become public property upon passage of the bill are the Schneider plant at Le Creusot, the Hotchkiss machine gun factory, the Brandt arms works, and that part of the Renault automobile works which manufactures tanks. Privately owned naval shipyards would also become government property.

The great French strike wave is declining rapidly as employers accede to the demands of labor.

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT PASSES LEGISLATION CONTROLLING WHEAT

PARIS, France.—After a heated 26-hour session, the Chamber of Deputies passed a bill to place control of wheat prices in the hands of a government board.

Workers threatened to take over a candy factory unless their strike demands were met. They have been occupying the premises for a month.

The manager of a factory at Digoin is suing his workers for locking him in his office during a strike.

At Tours, striking barbers installed chairs in automobiles and towed through the city giving free service to anyone who wanted it.

The British Consul protested when painters struck in an English Church at St. Nazaire.

#### TRADE WAR LOOMS

TOKYO, Japan.—Japan is making preparations to wage trade wars against all nations resisting importation of Japanese goods. Economic methods are being planned for retaliation which may result in serious disruptions of world commerce.

The Communist Party is the working class become conscious of its destiny.

## To Smash the League



Hitler's move to seize the free city of Danzig was timed perfectly to put pressure on the League of Nations in session at Geneva. Wrecking the League, or nullifying its powers is an important step in fascist plans for a new war of conquest.

## League Melting Away In The Heat of Arguments

### SOVIETS AND FRANCE TRY TO SALVAGE

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Events so far at the present League of Nations session would indicate that the collective security body is deflating like a leaky balloon.

France and the Soviet Union are the only nations taking a firm stand for preserving the covenant and strengthening its powers.

Haile Selassie plea has been rejected and he has been ordered out of Switzerland.

Embargoes have been lifted from Italy, effective July 15.

The free city of Danzig has thumbed its nose at League authority and proclaimed its independence with the obvious intention of accepting German rule.

The Dardanelles conference at Montreux has evolved into such complete disagreement that virtually no two nations participating have common demands. Turkey wants to re-fortify the Straits as a precaution against Italian aggressive preparations. Britain insists on the right to send warships through the Straits into the Black Sea, despite the fact that this could only be an aggressive privilege. The Soviet Union demands passage for her Black Sea fleet through the Straits, but would bar the fleets of powers not bordering on the Black Sea. Italy refuses to recognize any agreement no matter what is decided.

Under Capitalism, there is always room at the top—of the scrap-heap.

## Nye Urges Gov't. Control Over Munitions Industry

### FASCISM IN AMERICA A REAL DANGER

By Michael Quinn.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Senator Gerald P. Nye, in an interview in his hotel room this morning, urged the necessity of constitutional amendments which would provide nationalization of key munitions industries, prevention of any declaration of war without first submitting the issue to a vote of the people, and empowering the government to conscript capital in time of war.

To date, the only countries which have adopted or considered such measures are France and the Soviet Union.

#### PUBLIC PRESSURE

Such amendments, the Senator believes, are possible only if the American people will bring sufficient pressure to bear upon Congress. Drastic strengthening of embargo legislation to prevent American capital from profiting on foreign conflicts, was also stressed by the man who headed the recent Senate Munitions Investigation.

He pointed out serious dangers to democracy in America and named the Liberty League as one of the most potent factors in the menace.

#### FASCISM MEANS WAR

"I do not believe," said Nye, "That Communism can be regarded as a danger to America. The real danger is that of Fascism. And Fascism, as a form of government is more provocative of war than any other."

He cautioned the American people to "take care to see that every official elected to office has a deep regard for democracy."

Importance of public organization and public expression of its will to direct the policies of their elected government, were emphasized by Nye. Increasing membership in organizations and societies opposed to war and fascism, he pointed out, is a healthy sign that American people intend to develop and make use of their political power. Public meetings and letters to Congress, he stated, have a profound effect on governmental bodies and were largely responsible for what neutrality steps were taken by the present administration.

#### THE OLD PARTIES

The Senator seemed to have little faith in the policies of either Republican or Democratic party administrations, if left to their own devices, and continually stressed the importance of public organization and expression to influence men in office.

When questioned as to third party possibilities, he corrected your reporter by stating, "The two major parties today are really one party. People are rapidly coming to recognize this. The formation of a new major party is really the formation of a second, rather than a third party."

#### FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Lack of unity among the groups which would comprise a new major party, led the Senator to believe that the prospect of immediate formation is unlikely. However, he pointed out that the trend was definitely away from the Democrats and Republicans, that unity was developing in the ranks of the people to such an extent that ultimately a genuine Farmer-Labor Party would evolve on a united front basis. He predicted the coming year as one in which the political consciousness of the American people would experience an enormous increase.

Throughout the interview, he continually emphasized both war and fascism as a real and serious danger to America. The essence of his advice to the people was that they should get into organizations and that organizations, in turn, should mass in united fronts. Unity of all anti-fascist and anti-war groups, as exemplified in the American League Against War and Fascism, he pointed out as of particular importance.

The struggle to preserve freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, the right to organize and other basic civil rights, he recognized as inseparable from the struggle to prevent war and fascism.

## NAZIS DEMAND THAT ART AND SCIENCES HEIL FASCIST IDEAS

HEIDELBERG, Germany.—Nazi authorities have proclaimed that henceforth all scientific, literary or art works must be of a definite pro-fascist character. Indulging in "truth for truth's sake" was declared a thing of the past.

Following out the new command, Dr. Wilhelm Coblitz, chief of the Nazi bureau for control of legal literature, has issued a statement which reads in part:

"The period is over when a science of jurisprudence independent of political faith is possible. Jurisprudence devoid of a tendency has become impossible. Neutrality in regard to the principles of our racial unity will not be tolerated."

The Communist Party has set a goal in the Western Worker circulation drive which calls for doubling the number of readers before the end of 1936. Is your unit conducting house-to-house work, selling at street corners and workers' meetings to build the circulation?

## And Invade Russia



Herman Von Goering, Hitler's number one boy who designed the fascist program of aggression which includes invasion of the Soviet Union and seizure of the smaller nations of Europe. He is rumored as Hitler's successor in event of death.

## 1,100,000 Men Ready for Conflict in South China

### ADVANCE PLANNED BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK

CANTON, China.—Indications are that Dictator Chiang Kai-shek will make every effort to hold off civil war on a large scale with Kwangsi and Kwangtung provinces in the South until the end of July. At that time, he hopes to deal them a crushing blow, wipe out their autonomous governments, and secure them under the iron rule of Nanking.

Necessary repairs to railroad lines and shifting of "unreliable" troops are the reasons behind Chiang's delay. Meanwhile, he has concentrated 600,000 troops within striking distance of the Southern provinces and is preparing for a major offensive with all possible speed.

#### DEMAND FOR UNITY

The combined military strength of Kwangsi and Kwangtung consists of 450,000 troops fully equipped with modern arms. These provinces are demanding that the whole of China be united to defend the country from Japanese aggression. Restoration of civil rights and establishment of a People's government embracing all anti-Japanese forces are also stressed.

Since these demands voice the sentiments of the majority of China, the position of Chiang Kai-shek is extremely insecure. Chief handicap to his proposed suppression of Kwangsi and Kwangtung, is the mass desertion of his troops to the Cantonese cause.

#### RED ARMY FORCES

A similar situation exists in the Northern provinces where the Red Army of Soviet China, even before Canton, voiced similar demands and offered to join forces with Nanking to resist the Japanese. Since Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to meet these demands, troops stationed in the North have been deserting bag and baggage to the ranks of the Red Army and others refuse to turn their guns against the Reds.

For years, Chiang has poured all the military and financial strength of China into a punitive war against the Chinese Soviets. Meanwhile, he has betrayed the interests of China to Japanese, American and European imperialist interests, frequently seeking to play one exploiting power against another to his own advantage.

#### GENERALS DESERTING

Realizing the tremendous sentiment that has developed all over China, many of Chiang's own generals and officials have deserted his cause, choosing to play along with the will of the people rather than be ground under by it.

Impelled by his foreign backers, Chiang is preparing a last murderous effort to bend the whole of China to his will.

Meanwhile, serious clashes have already occurred between Cantonese and Nanking forces, and it is possible that a major civil war will burst into flame sooner than Chiang wishes. It is the opinion of practically all closely informed observers that such a war would soon develop into a nation-wide freedom and independence revolution.

## MUSSOLINI INVITED TO LOCARNO PARLEY

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—The Belgian government has invited Italy to attend a conference of Locarno treaty signatories to discuss Germany's re-armament of the Rhineland. Mussolini is requested to name a date for the meeting. Reports from Rome indicate that Il Duce is not at all eager to participate in such a conference and will stall off the issue as long as possible and then, possibly, refuse to take part.

## Nazi Danzig Move Timed As Blow Against League

### ALSO STUNT TO PROP SAGGING MORALE

#### BULLETIN

WARSAW, Poland.—Sharp friction between the Polish and German governments has developed over the latter's move to seize Danzig. The Polish government has warned Germany that it will not tolerate Danzig's separation from the League.

Although the Danzig Senate has proclaimed severance from the League, it has not openly acknowledged its affiliation with Germany. German control now exists in fact but without official pronouncement. Dr. Arthur Karl Greiser, head of the Senate is a uniformed, swaggering Nazi, and the swastika flag is flapping in the breeze from every Danzig flagpole.

DANZIG.—Fascist powers again knocked the chip off the League shoulder when Germany seized the free city of Danzig and blankly defied League authority which has been guardian of the territory ever since the World War.

The move was neatly timed to deliver a smashing blow at a moment when the League is split by severe crisis.

#### DESTRUCTIVE PLAN

Destruction of the League or nullification of its powers is an important preparatory step in fascist plans for a new war of conquest. In addition to this, spectacular moves like the Rhineland re-militarization and seizure of Danzig are essential propaganda props to bolster up sagging public spirit within Germany. Acute economic crisis and a rapidly declining standard of living are rendering it increasingly difficult for the Nazis to maintain a high tide of public hysteria and hold the regime together long enough to launch the intended aggression.

Britain, within the League, has co-operated with the fascist plans of both Germany and Italy by arguing for a League stripped of all responsibility and teeth.

#### COLLECTIVE SECURITY

France and the Soviet Union are arguing persistently for a stronger League and reinforcement of collective security by pledges of military sanctions.

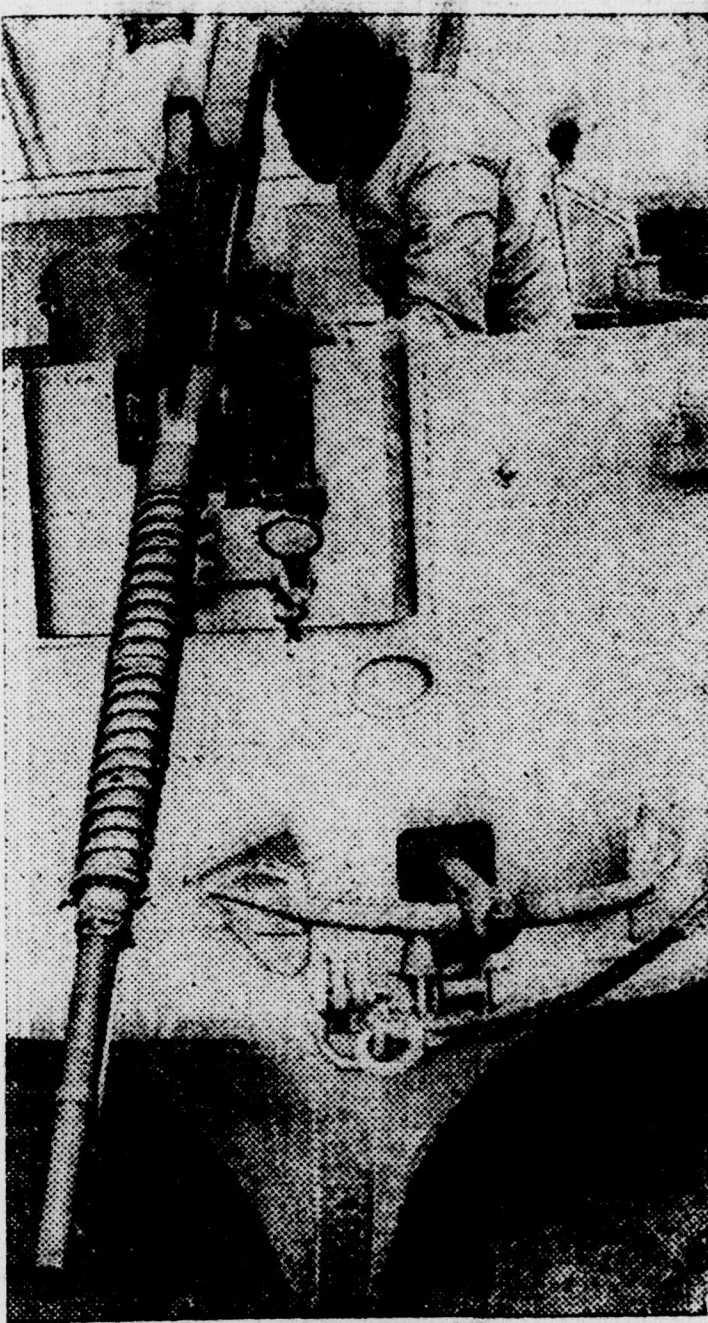
Danzig severance from League control followed the return of Dr. Arthur Karl Greiser, Nazi senate president, from Geneva. While at Geneva, he frankly sneered at the League and greeted the delegates with the Nazi salute.

#### RICKSHA PULLERS STRIKE IN NANCHANG

NANCHANG, China.—More than 5000 ricksha pullers of Nanchang, Kiangsi, are on strike, protesting against the inauguration of a number of bus lines which will prove to be a serious menace to the business of these ricksha pullers.

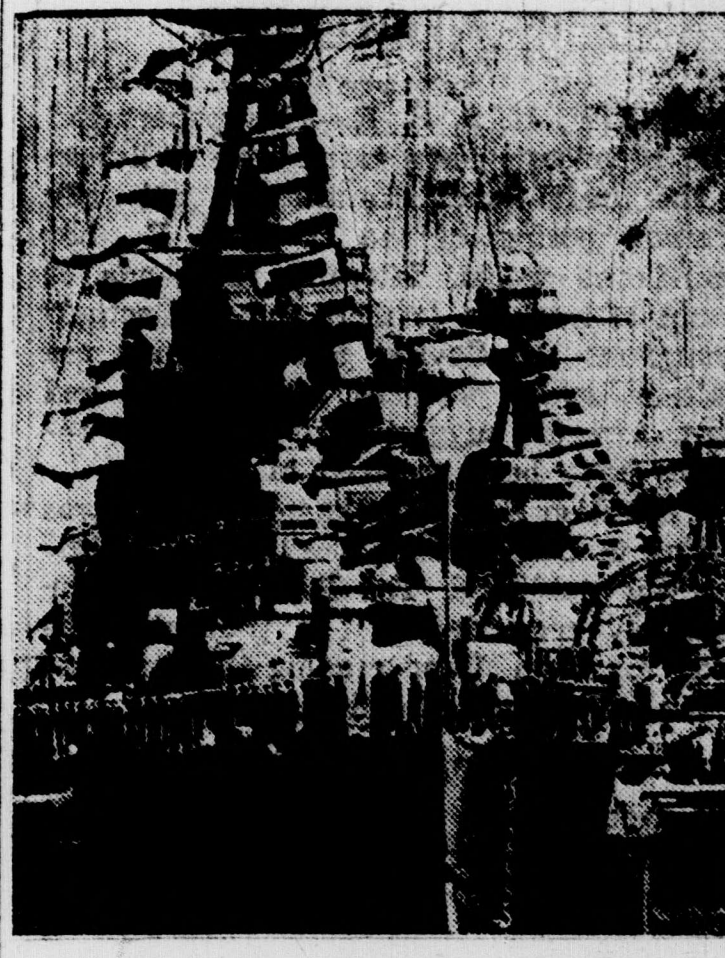
The ricksha pullers have contributed a total sum of \$5000 and in addition to the strike, will file a legal suit against the bus companies in the near future.—Sin Wen Pao, May 29.

## - Hair Trigger -



Rapid fire gun on a giant British dreadnaught of the air. Friction between Britain and Italy relaxed when the two nations agreed on spheres of influence in the Mediterranean. Italy won air supremacy Britain held naval supremacy. But the guns are still pointed and balanced on a hair trigger. The slightest jolt in relations could release an avalanche of destruction.

## While Eden Talks



While Sir Anthony Eden harangues the League of Nations. Britain's fleet tosses restlessly in the waters of the Mediterranean. Removal of sanctions and weakening of the League covenant are believed to be among the conditions Mussolini demanded for Anglo-Italian accord. A League without teeth is the aim of Britain in the present parley.

## Military - Fascist Rulers In Cuba Index All Labor

### PUPPET DICTATORSHIP OF WALL STREET

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thoroughness of the Fascist-Military control which Wall Street has thrown over Cuba, and would like to introduce into the United States, was revealed here by a member of the Cuban Federation of Labor who displayed a confidential letter sent last April to all Cuban employers by the military authorities.

#### UNION SUPPRESSION

The letter reads, "You are requested to send, as soon as possible, to this office (Military City, Columbia) a confidential list of the workers and employees in your commercial house or industry. In the said list you must state names, family names, nationality, names of the parents, age, married or single, profession, race, home address, besides all the data and antecedents known and if possible pictures of the said workers and employees, marking on the margin those elements who at present are known as disturbers."

"The obtaining of this data is necessary for the organization of The Bureau of Labor Social Prevention which we are undertaking. Thanking you most heartily in advance for the interest you show in this matter, I am, with the greatest consideration, for the freedom of Cuba."

#### THE NEW PRESIDENT

The letter is signed by Jaime Marín, major of the "constitutional" army and aide to Batista. It is dated April 8, following the election but prior to the inauguration of Gomez.

According to dispatches recently received President Gomez has since renounced his promises of amnesty to the extent of refusing pardons to those convicted of terroristic activities. He has also announced he will support continued use of army authorities as teachers and in other key positions in the communities.

#### JAPANESE BEER

SAN FRANCISCO.—Two Japanese naval training vessels bearing 25,000 bottles of beer will drop anchor here on Friday, July 10. Visitors are invited to inspect the ships and drink the beer free of charge at Pier 45.

Has your union joined the campaign against the Criminal Syndicalism Law?

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## British Tar Writes View Of U. S. S. R. Constitution

### REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Newspapers and radio broadcasts have carried the full text of the draft Soviet Constitution, not only to every corner of the U. S. S. R., but around the world. Literally thousands of groups of workers, farmers and intellectuals throughout the Soviets are discussing the draft at every moment of the day and night. Already, suggested additions and revisions have been received in Moscow.

The British ship, "Markham Abbey," was loading in Odessa when the Draft Constitution was published. The British sailors immediately requested that a translation be made for them. Upon reading the text, one of the sailors immediately wrote:

#### PRACTICAL CONTRAST

"I would have liked to compare your plan with the British Constitution, but I am sorry I do not know the exact text of it. But even in 1926, during the general miners' strike, I made the acquaintance of the police, rubber clubs in the streets of London.

"Although I cannot make a comparison between the British Constitution and the draft of the new Soviet Constitution, it is not difficult for me to compare the conditions of the British and Soviet workers.

"I work eight hours, while the Soviet stoker works six. He is entitled by law to an annual holiday of one month with full wages. I receive no holiday at all.

#### SAME FOOD FOR ALL

"The thing which astonishes me on a Soviet ship is the fact that they have the same food for the whole crew, including the captain. On our ships, the captain can order anything he pleases. The food served to the officers is much better than that given to the ordinary sailors. Finally, the Soviet sailors receive their outfits free of charge. But we not only have to pay for our outfits but even the spoons we eat with.

"Therefore I say that all that is written in the Soviet Draft Constitution—the right of the toilers to work, to leisure—is the honest truth. I have seen it with my own eyes. I shall tell everybody about this when I return to England. That which has been realized in the Soviet Union, that which is given in the draft of the new constitution, is the dream of all toilers."

#### A FORMER ENEMY

Another interesting reaction was expressed by a former enemy of the Soviet Union, Professor Ramsin. Convicted in the famous trial of the "Industrial Party," he was sentenced to prison but since has been granted amnesty. Recently he has become one of the most famous specialists in the world on thermo-dynamics. At the conclusion of a long and eloquent tribute to the Communist Party and Stalin's leadership, he stated:

"The brilliant creator of the new Constitution, Comrade Stalin, has embodied in it the dearest dreams of my generation of Russian intellectuals, of whom many, together with me, started their conscious political life under the banner of the Bolshevik Party and who, after a thorny path of big mistakes, have returned to the firm position of the Party of Marx-Lenin-Stalin."

#### PROPOSED CHANGES

Among the proposed changes already submitted are:

To establish the "Internationale" as the national anthem of the U. S. S. R.

To add sports organizations to the groups listed in Article 141 as entitled to put up candidates for election as deputies to the Soviets.

That Article 109 be altered to include the election of judges of the Supreme Court by direct balloting of the people.

To include the formation of a Commissariat of Airways.

To delete paragraph 137, which says the women have a right to vote and be elected equally with men, since this equality is such an established fact as to need no remark.

That paragraph 95 be altered so that deputies to the Soviets are elected for three years, rather than two year periods.

That the Supreme court be elected for three year periods instead of five.

## DR. GEO. S. COUNTS HITS RED-BAITING

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 5.—Dr. George S. Counts, noted author and educator, speaking to a capacity crowd of 500 in the Civic Auditorium here, scored the wealthy class of America and the vested interests of Wall Street as the chief enemies of education and democracy.

"Those maintaining that too much money is being spent on schools," said Counts, "send their own children to private schools. The best friends of free schools throughout history, have been and are the organized labor men, liberal groups and certain ministers."

Warning the public not to be panicked by propaganda of the moneyed powers, he declared: "Red-baiting is nothing new in our American history. If our history were taught as it should be, we would know it. Our revolutionary forefathers were no blinders—they saw the world clearly."

Counts spoke under the auspices of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council and the Palo Alto Teachers' Union. Clark Cypher was chairman. Assemblyman Dewey Anderson spoke on the situation of California education and introduced Dr. Counts.

# Complete Draft of the New Soviet Constitution; Greatest Freedom, Security, Democracy on Earth

Draft of the new Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been delivered to the people of the Soviets for five months of public discussion. On November 25, with all suggested amendments, it will be presented to the All Union Congress of Soviets for adoption.

We are publishing the complete text of all 13 chapters in installments. To date, we have printed chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13, and chapters 1 and 2. Here-with are chapters 3 and 4. Succeeding issues will contain the balance.

Inaugurating the direct, secret ballot and establishing employment, health, leisure, education and security as basic human rights, the Constitution lifts democracy to the highest level ever achieved on earth.

#### CHAPTER III

### The Supreme Organs Of the U. S. S. R.

Article 30: The supreme organ of State power of the U. S. S. R. is the Supreme Council of the USSR.

Article 31: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. exercises all rights vested in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics according to Article 14 of the Constitution, in so far as they do not enter, by virtue of the Constitution into the competence of those organs of the U. S. S. R. subordinate to the Supreme Council of People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R., and the People's Commissariats of the U. S. S. R.

#### LEGISLATIVE POWER

Article 32: The legislative power of the U. S. S. R. is exercised exclusively by the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

Article 33: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. consists of two chambers: the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities.

Article 34: The Council of the Union is elected by the citizens of the U. S. S. R. on the basis of one deputy per 300,000 of population.

Article 35: The Council of Nationalities consists of deputies appointed by the Supreme Councils of the Union and autonomous republics and soviets of toilers' deputies in the autonomous provinces; on the basis of ten deputies from each Union republic, five deputies from each autonomous republic and two deputies from each autonomous province.

#### FOUR YEAR PERIOD

Article 36: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. is elected for a period of four years.

Article 37: Both chambers of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R., the Council of the Union and Council of Nationalities, have equal rights.

Article 38: Legislative initiative belongs

### Stakhanovism



Alexei Stakhanov, miner from the Donbas coal region, who initiated efficiency methods which have been adopted throughout Soviet industry with tremendous increases in production. He is seen above, with his wife, examining some of the thousands of letters of tribute which have poured in to him from every corner of the U. S. S. R.

### Bumper Crop



Workers on a collective farm celebrating a record harvest with songs and banners.

in equal degree to the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities.

Article 39: A law is considered adopted if adopted by both chambers of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. by simple majority vote in each.

#### ADOPTION OF LAWS

Article 40: Laws adopted by the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. are published over the signature of the Chairman and Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

Article 41: Sessions of the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities begin and terminate concurrently.

Article 42: The Council of the Union elects the chairman of the Council of the Union and two vice chairmen.

Article 43: The Council of Nationalities elects the chairman of the Council of Nationalities and two vice chairmen.

#### PRESIDING OFFICIALS NAMED

Article 44: The chairman of the Council of the Union and of the Council of Nationalities direct the sessions of the corresponding chambers and regulate their inner arrangements.

Article 45: Joint sessions of both chambers of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. are directed in turn by the chairman of the Council of the Union and the chairman of the Council of Nationalities.

Article 46: Sessions of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. are convened by the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. twice a year.

Extraordinary sessions are convened by the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. at its discretion or on the demand of one of the Union republics.

#### CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Article 47: In case of disagreement between the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities the question is referred for settlement to a conciliation commission established on the basis of equal representation. If the conciliation commission does not come to an agreement upon a decision, or if its decision does not satisfy one of the chambers, the question is considered for a second time in the chambers. In the event of the two chambers not agreeing upon a decision, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. dissolves the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. and fixes new elections.

#### PRESIDIUM ELECTION

Article 48: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. elects, at a joint session of both chambers the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R., composed of the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R., four Vice Chairmen, the Secretary of the Presidium and thirty-one members of the Presidium.

The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. is accountable to the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. in all its activities.

#### POWERS OF PRESIDUM

Article 49: The Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

a) Convenes sessions of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

b) Interprets laws in operation by issuing appropriate instructions;

c) Dissolves the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. on the basis of Article 47 of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. and fixes new elections.

d) Conducts a referendum on its own initiative or the demand of one of the Union republics;

e) Rescinds decisions and orders of the Council of the People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R. and the Councils of the People's Commissars of the republics in the event that they are not in accordance with the law;

f) Between sessions of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. relieves of their duties and appoints the various People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R. at the instance of the Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R. to be later submitted for confirmation by the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.;

g) Awards decorations of the U. S. S. R. h) Exercises the right of pardon; i) appoints and replaces the supreme com-

mand of the armed forces of the U. S. S. R.;

j) Between sessions of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. declares a state of war in the event of an armed attack on the U. S. S. R.;

k) Declares general or partial mobilization;

l) Ratifies international treaties;

m) Appoints and recalls plenipotentiary representatives of the U. S. S. R. to foreign States;

n) Accepts the credentials of diplomatic representatives of foreign States.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMISSIONS

Article 50: The Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities elect Credential Commissions which verify the authorization of the deputies of each chamber.

On representation from the Credential Commission the chambers decide either to recognize the authorization or annul the elections of the individual deputies.

#### INQUIRIES AND AUDITS

Article 51: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. appoints, when it deems necessary, investigating and auditing commissions on any question.

All institutions and officials are obliged to comply with the demands of these commissions and to supply them with the necessary materials and documents.

Article 52: A deputy of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. cannot be prosecuted or arrested without the consent of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. and, in the period when the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. is not in session, without the agreement of the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

#### SUPREME COUNCIL AUTHORITY

Article 53: After the authority of Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. has expired or after the Supreme Council has been dissolved before the expiration of its

### Girl Actresses



Young students arriving in Moscow to enroll in the school of the theater. Achievements of the Soviets in the dramatic field have been hailed by authorities of all countries. More plays are produced in the U. S. S. R. annually than in any other country on earth.

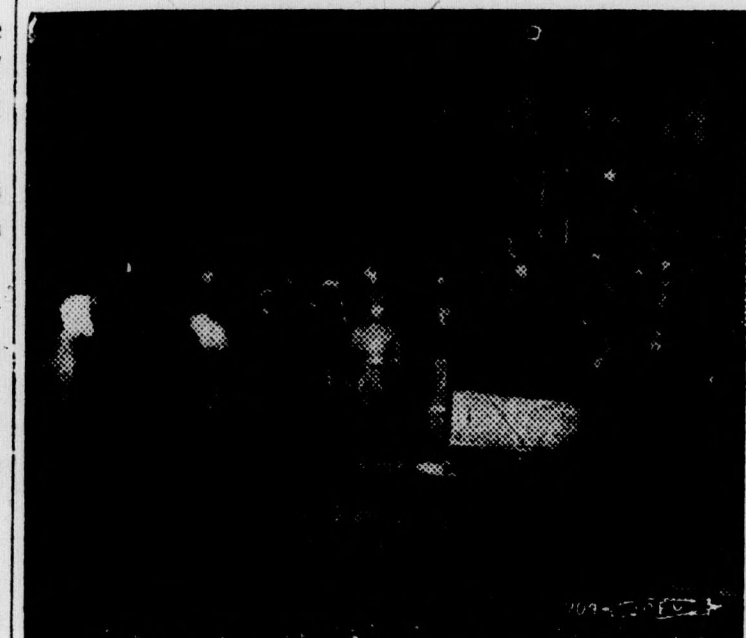
term, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. preserves its authority until the formation by the newly elected Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. of a new Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

Article 54: When the authority of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. expires in the event of its dissolution before the expiration of its term, the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. fixes new elections within a period of not more than two months from the date of the expiration of its authority or the dissolution of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

#### NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL

Article 55: The newly-elected Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. is convened by the former Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R.

### Lenin's Tomb



Workers and visitors lined up outside the tomb of V. I. Lenin in the Red Square at Moscow, waiting their turn to gaze at the face of the great leader of the Revolution.

### Soviet Beaches



Hundreds of recreation resorts and rest colonies dot the Soviet Union, among them pleasure beaches such as the one pictured above.

cil of the U. S. S. R. not later than a month after the elections.

Article 56: The Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. at a joint session of both chambers forms the Government of the U. S. S. R.—the Council of People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R.

#### CHAPTER IV

### Supreme Organs of The Union Republics

Article 57: The supreme organ of State power of a Union republic is the Supreme Council of the Union republic.

Article 58: The Supreme Council of a Union republic is elected by citizens of the republic for a period of four years.

The ratio of representation is determined by the constitutions of the Union republic.

#### SOLE LEGISLATIVE ORGAN

Article 59: The Supreme Council of the Union republic is the sole legislative organ of the republic.

Article 60: The Supreme Council of a Union republic:

a) adopts the Constitution of the republic and amends it in accordance with Article 16 of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R.;

b) ratifies the constitutions of the autonomous republics belonging to it and defines the boundaries of their territories;

c) approves the national economic plan and budget of the republic;

d) exercises the right of amnesty and pardon to citizens sentenced by judicial organs of the Union republic.

Article 61: The Supreme Council of the Union republic elects a presidium of the Supreme Council of the Union republic composed of the chairman of the presidium of the Supreme Council of the Union republic, his deputies, and members of the presidium of the Supreme Council of the Union republic.

The powers of the presidium of the Supreme Council of a Union republic are determined by the constitution of the Union republic.

Article 62: The Supreme Council of the Union republic elects the chairman and his deputies to conduct its meetings.

Article 63: The Supreme Council of the Union republic organizes the government of the Union republic—the Council of People's Commissars of the Union republic.

### MEXICAN LABORER IS DEPORTED AFTER 26 YEARS IN THE U.S.A.

EL PASO, Tex.—Jesus Pallares, a resident of the United States for 26 years, former organizer for the United Mine Workers and former secretary of the Gallup Defense Committee, was deported to Mexico on June 29 by the Labor Department, his American-born wife and six American-born children remaining in this country.

Pallares was arrested on April 23, 1935, and held for deportation on the ground that he was a member of the Liga Obrera de Habla Espanol, a Spanish workers organization which has played an important part in the struggles of the Gallup miners for better wages and better living conditions. The Liga Obrera also led the fight for relief in New Mexico and was instrumental in stopping the passage of anti-labor legislation such as the New Mexico Criminal Syndicalism Bill.

Pallares' deportation is one of the results of the reign of terror instituted by the Gallup-American Mining Corporation (Gamerco) with the aid of the Labor Department soon after the Gallup miners went out on strike in 1935 and the coal company attempted to evict the workers from their living quarters.

The New Mexico labor leader was defended by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the Gallup Defense Committee.

Why not enclose an order for 10 copies of the Western Worker when sending in a news story? Your fellow workers will enjoy reading it.

## Potato Prices Fly High; Wages Stay Down Below

### FRESNO PAPERS SEEK PLAUSIBLE ALIBI

By an Agricultural Worker.

When every newspaper in California began cheering a couple of weeks ago because Kern County potatoes were selling for \$3.50 and even \$4.00 a sack, some other interesting questions began to come up. Some of the men digging potatoes around Shafter, in Kern County, had just struck for 50 cents an hour instead of the 25 cents they were getting, and with potatoes selling at the highest prices on record in the vicinity the old favorite excuse that the growers couldn't afford to pay any higher wages looked a little thin. Some new explanation had to be found.

According to the Fresno Bee of May 28, the new explanation is this: the farmers are not really getting these high prices because many of them sold their entire crop in advance under contract. In some cases these contracts were at prices as low as \$1.00 a sack, and at that price the grower can not afford to pay more than 25 cents or 30 cents an hour. It is claimed that about 20 per cent of the potato crop around Shafter had been sold that way. It is admitted that growers getting \$3.00 a sack and over could easily pay higher wages, but if they did it would be hard to get men to work for less, and the farmers getting only \$1.00 a sack would have trouble getting labor.

If this story is correct, it simply means that growers who could afford to take a chance on the market price of the crop made even more money because they could keep wages down to about the same level as farmers who couldn't afford to wait and had to sell in advance at whatever price they could get. This may not look so good for the small farmer, but it certainly means that some mighty sweet profits were being made, and, as usual, agricultural labor did not get any share of them.

### ITALIAN NEWSPAPER TO HOLD BIG PICNIC

SAN FRANCISCO.—Celebrating 25 years of militant service to the working class, Il Corriere Del Popolo, only Italian labor newspaper on the Pacific Coast, will stage a gala "Grand Silver Jubilee Picnic" at Levin's Big Oak Park, Menlo Park, on Sunday, August 9th.

While all other Italian newspapers on the Pacific Coast bowed down to Fascism, Il Corriere del Popolo dared to oppose all forms of dictatorship designed to destroy democracy and freedom, whether of the Mussolini or Hitler types.

Workers are urged to contribute to the newspaper, whose office is at 623 Montgomery street, Room 239, San Francisco. Tickets to the picnic are 25 cents, with children under 12 years admitted free.

### CLASH BETWEEN WORKERS OF CHIUHSIN DOCK

SHANGHAI, China, May 25.—Five workers were wounded and another six were arrested by the police authorities, following a hand to hand fight between the scabs and locked-out workers of the Chiuhsin Dock, Pootung.

The dock workers were locked out by the management, and have not yet settled their dispute over the problem of retiring gratuity with the management. In an attempt to prevent work on the dock the workers tried several times to stop the scabs. The clash that occurred today was due to a similar attempt. According to well-informed circles it is not likely that a settlement will be reached for some time.—Lih Pao, May 26.

### Not Bankers



Fine golf courses are being laid out around the Soviet cities, not for playboy bankers and brokers, but for the workers of industry. Above, a few Moscow citizens try their hands at the newly introduced sport.



# Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

## THE RHYME OF THE RAGGED MAN (Apologies to Coleridge.)

It was a ragged looking man  
Who stopped a passerby.  
He held the stranger's coat lapel  
And looked him in the eye.

"Leave go my coat," the stranger said,  
"Election day is here.  
The flags are out; the people shout;  
"Prosperity is near!"

The gaunt man clung with a bony hand,  
"The days were long," he said.  
The stranger sought to look away,  
But could not move his head.

"The days were long, our arms were strong,  
"And lustily did we toil  
"To clear the land and spread the farms  
"And till the fertile soil.

"Fine towns sprung up on every hand,  
"Out of our strength they rose;  
"The girders rang with deafening clang  
"To our sturdy hammer blows.

"Higher and higher, every year,  
"As the cities rose in pride;  
"We shaped each stick and baked each brick  
"And layed them side by side.

"We saw the factories pour forth goods;  
"Our hearts could not forget  
"That every thing the world produced  
"Was watered with our sweat.

"We saw the yield our work brought forth,  
"We saw the goods we wrought,  
"That lined the shelves of store and shop,  
"And yet could not be bought.

"Amidst great plenty, hunger walked;  
"With too many coats we froze;  
"We wandered homeless down long lanes  
"Of vacant homes in rows.

"And the man who schemed in the shade  
"Of a tree,  
"As we toiled in the noonday sun,  
"Had goods and crops under lock and key  
"When the long hard job was done."

The pouring voice of the angry man  
Rose like a boundless flood.  
"And they answered our plea for a fairer  
"World

"By drenching our souls in blood!  
"The war rose up like an insane dream  
"In a land across the water.  
"The bugles blew, the banners flew,  
"And off we marched to slaughter.

"The strength that made the cities rise  
"Was side-tracked into Hell,  
"And the men who schemed while labor  
"Dreamed

"Stayed home to profit well.  
"The war burned out. They took their gain.  
"We bowed beneath our losses.  
"And twenty million men lay dead  
"Neath little white-washed crosses.

"Have courage men! We'll build again!  
"We poured our generous sweat  
"In the same old mould of Wall Street gold  
"That's robbing mankind yet.

"Our patient toil repaired the loss;  
"Once more the factories roared,  
"And out of the strain of muscle and brain,  
"The flood of good things poured.

"But still the tools with which we worked,  
"And still the things we made,  
"And the crops and the land remained in  
"The hand

"Of the man who sat in the shade.  
"The wealth continued mounting high  
"In a towering, plentiful stack;  
"But still our lives were hungry,  
"For we could not buy it back.

"Day after day, hour by hour,  
"We piled the good things higher,  
"To gather dust, to rot and rust,  
"For the lack of a moneyed buyer.

"Plenty, plenty everywhere,  
"And still we walked the street.  
"Plenty, plenty everywhere,  
"And not a bite to eat.

"A mad day dawned, their profit spawned  
"An ugly child of Hell;  
"Depression came like a burning flame  
"And the mountain of plenty fell.

"The factories closed, the banks went broke;  
"Our savings went for naught;  
"And they dumped and burned and over-  
"turned

"The goods that were not bought.  
"The seas and the flames devoured food,  
"While our bellies ached with hunger;  
"And children roamed in homeless droves;  
"Fifteen years and younger.

"And out of the Hell of worry and want,  
"And long cruel days of pain,  
"Was forged in our minds a ringing truth;  
"These hands shall build again!

# THE JOHN SMITHS

by Harold Magin

## OUR STORY THUS FAR:



# Capitalism Makes Criminals

By Russell J. Dyzart

Crime of all kinds is caused by hunger. Hunger is caused by lack of jobs. Lack of jobs is caused by the inability of our capitalist system to provide work for all. Our capitalist system makes criminals.

The above related facts are not generalities stated at random. They are truths gathered from statistics published by the capitalist statisticians.

The capitalists themselves and their scores of hired supporters and "protectors" of their system know all of the above facts. They are published in the World Almanac every year. But the leading lights who compile these facts with money paid by the capitalists dare not point an accusing finger to the fundamental wrongdoers, because they, too, would be fired from their livelihood and "classified" as criminals and dangerous to society.

The cheapest and easiest way to keep the American public divided against each other, is to label part of them "criminal" and the people then make their own barriers, and even act as wardens of their own jails.

On the other hand, the capitalists who used the "criminals" to produce profits as long as they needed them laugh when they throw them upon the streets to shift for themselves. For the capitalists have established a system of espionage and police that gathers in their cast off workers and guards them from demanding support from the manufacturers after they have been let go. This system is paid for by the remaining employed population of the nation.

## A CRIME TO BE JOBLESS

The first step the capitalist system takes in "separating the chaff from the wheat" is to charge an unemployed man or woman with "vagrancy."

Vagrancy is a "crime" in the United States. A vagrant is a jobless person who has no visible means of support, no place to sleep and nothing to eat. Having classed an unemployed worker as a "criminal," the capitalists have assured themselves that he won't be able to talk to his fellow workers and cause any annoyance. The American people have been trained from grammar school up to believe that such an unfortunate is a "criminal." He believes it himself!

Let us see how the "crime" of vagrancy increased in direct proportion to the short-

"But not for the flames or the ocean dumps,  
"And not for an owners' greed.  
"We shall build in our own strong Soviet world  
"To nourish human need.

"You've read their mess in the dirty press,  
"Their lead, vote-catching lies;  
"Now read the truth of politics  
"In a fellow worker's eyes.

"They've strung out all their candidates  
"And praised each blooming one;  
"They've hung their stinking demagogues  
"Like herings in the sun.

"They've begged you sweet, in soothing tones  
"And threatened you with wrath,  
"To shun the Reds and keep your feet  
"Off Communism's path.

"It's Communism, friend, that means  
"The wealth that labor's made  
"Belongs to labor, not to men  
"Who bargain in the shade.

"Go cast your vote, but mark this well,  
"And tell it to your neighbor;  
"He ballots best who ballots Red,  
"Though farmer, clerk or labor.

"He builds the best who builds a strong  
"United Front of all;  
"For the great boss who hires us,  
"Has robbed us, one and all."

age of jobs from a survey based on the criminal statistics compiled by the largest city in the United States, New York, which undoubtedly is a fair criterion for general criminal conditions throughout the nation.

The reason for beginning with "vagrancy" figures is because it is the first "crime" that is charged to a jobless person, all other crimes follow with astonishing rapidity. As vagrants are already classed as "criminals" just because they are out of work, hungry and tramping the streets, starved for life and some comfort, it is but a question of nerve as to how much further they will proceed—to take instead of beg—for what they need of life.

## DURING "PROSPERITY"

In the year of 1920 there were only 1398 persons arrested and convicted for vagrancy in the city of New York. That was the lowest number of that class of "criminal" recorded in a single year over a period of 20 years.

1920 was considered the "prosperity era" immediately following the World War. Most of the employable population was being used to rebuild and transport materials that had been destroyed in the 1914-1919 world holocaust.

But, the artificial work created by the capitalist effort to destroy the surplus population and antiquated machinery at the expense of the working masses did not last very long. During the rebuilding era, capitalist competition became so keen among the money-mad profiteers that they raced recklessly with faster and faster machines

to beat all others to the markets of the world.

## VAGRANCY DOUBLES

The bullion barons arrived at their billion dollar goals so rapidly that by 1923, in the United States alone, just a year before the highly publicized crash of the stock market, there were 3121 jobless persons convicted of vagrancy in New York. This number of vagrants, however, was not alarming. In fact, 1923 was a year of great prosperity—for the money changers. Even the "vagrants" themselves were hopeful. They read the capitalist news reports of million dollar deals, and drifted on in search of a chance to pick up some of that money, some way.

The reason we have for believing the vagrants were hopeful during 1923 in New York is that only 3778 of them moved up from the vagrancy class to petty larceny, only 10,592 workers were so discouraged with their prospects of a better life that they became intoxicated and were arrested for it. All in all it wasn't a bad year and anybody who could read the capitalist newspapers couldn't help "looking around the corner for prosperity."

Let's see what effect the stock market in October, 1929, had on the workers. 7922 of them were convicted of vagrancy. In just one year there were 4801 more workers branded as "criminals" in New York City alone.

Were they hopeful? Did they believe President Hoover's famous October speech of confidence, which the capitalist newspapers printed in huge type: "... the fun-

YOUTH SEES AMERICA  
By Y.C.L'er.  
WHOOPS! This one had us in the aisle.  
"As long as you get fun out of life,  
even if you are near the starvation  
point, youth and hope will win out."  
Eleanor Roosevelt.

Someone gave us a small red backed pamphlet labelled: "What I Look For in a Young man," by William Randolph Hearst. Willy sez, all young men should not only work hard all day for their boss, but they should put in all their spare time thinking up ideas for more money for the boss. If he, the young man, don't like the job, quit, and get himself a job he likes. Boy! Won't the millions of unemployed and N. Y. A. fellows go to town when they get a hold of Willy's bit of printed wisdom.

Being a retiring sort of soul, we listened patiently for a couple of hours to a local San Francisco would-be Democratic politician tell us what he would do for the world if elected. During one of the spare lulls, we timidly edged in a question. We asked what he would do for the fellows in the CCC and the Transient Camps, which he reluctantly agreed was a "seeming" dirty shame! "But Hell," he blustered, "they can't vote."

We notice the capitalist sheets were getting their shirts up their back for a while over the brutal murder of the young WPA worker by the black hooded ruffians of Detroit. But we never see them ruffling their beards over the young strike leaders buried alive by California's own, but unmasked fascists, on Criminal Syndicalism.

We walked down Market street and were approached by a lot of high pressure poppy salesmen the other day, and received several super-patriotic speeches. Most of them, old girls that were glad to trade a day away from the bridge table, for an exulting day of button-holing men on the street. But, down on the lower end, between Third and Fourth streets, we met one of the real

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Which Party member remember this:  
"... To give the necessary assistance  
in building the YCL, which necessitates  
study of the Y. C. L. congress; greater alert-  
ness by District and Section Party leader-  
ship to youth problems, such as the recent  
Olympic Games and guidance to YCL leader-  
ship on all problems.

damental business of the country is on a sound and prosperous basis?"

## "CRIME WAVE" RISES

Some of the unemployed workers evidently suspected the capitalists' newspapers of lying, or else they were so starved by that time that 7459 tried petty larceny to fill their aching stomachs, while 25,912 drowned their sorrows in drink and ended up in jail. But, suddenly, 280,945 of New York's citizens ran afoul of the multifarious law in some way or another!—and were no longer citizens but "criminals."

1929-30-31, the so-called "depths of the depression" took its toll of human life, hopes and achievements. Also the vagrants increased at the ratio of two and one-half, while 561,970, over a half million of New York's population, broke one law or another!

Even the capitalists became alarmed at this sudden disregard for the laws which they established to keep their securities secure from the people they robbed them from. They became panicky because many of these suffering workers were openly talking of a revolution. The Federal Department of Justice reported that 22 per cent of the World War veterans were "criminals of record!" The capitalists' newspapers publicized that fact then, because the Bonus Army was encamped before the steps of the White House, and the American public must be made to believe they were "criminals," not human beings like themselves, who had suffered at the hands of the war profiteers. They must be kept away from the rest of the suspicious population.

The capitalist press having classed all these unemployed vagrants and ex-soldiers as "criminals" stood quietly by while Herbert Hoover on July 28, 1932, called the Federal troops to disperse the "radical" rabble. One World War veteran was killed as an example to terrify the others.

As the capitalist newspapers quoted through the Department of Justice, he was only a "criminal of record."

So, altogether, 1932, the depths of the capitalist-made crisis, harvested a bumper crop of "criminals." Everybody was "criminals." The Socialists were "criminals." In fact anybody who stood up and spoke against the wantno destruction of American "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," was immediately branded a "criminal." Communists were "criminals." When the "criminal" racket began to drag, the capitalists manufactured another label to keep the masses suspicious of each other. "Red" was hooted from the skyscrapers, "Red" was another name for "criminals," and furthered the capitalists' aim of marking off and dividing the people.

## THE "RED" SCARE

For a while the capitalist manufactured label of "red" was so successful that millions of suffering workers were actually busy hunting for "reds" and kept at it until they suddenly found their own organizations were also classed as "reds."

Time marches relentlessly on—history is being made now, today.—The jails are crowded to twice their capacity—the remaining employed workers are taxed to keep the surplus humanity thrown off by the capitalists—President Roosevelt (Democratic capitalist representative in the White House) is binding the workers of this nation with billions of dollars of debts to feed the unemployed army of workers to keep it from marching against the capitalists.

Regardless of all the relief funds, the jails go on filling to overflowing, the capitalists' newspapers keep on branding every American citizen who demands reform as a "criminal," "red," "socialists," "Communist." Even the organizations and leaders of the unemployed, poverty-stricken masses are not exempt from the "criminal" labels which the capitalists' newspapers send out

# People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M.D.

## METHODS OF LEADING MEDICAL POLITICIANS

A recent issue of the Nation, a national liberal magazine, carries a most sensational article by James Rorty on the activities of the reactionary top officials of the American Medical Association in forcing the Milbank Foundation to abandon its quest for a scientific solution of America's medical-economic problems. The Milbank Foundation was a private trust fund established to investigate the reasons why millions of American are forced to go without medical care while thousands of doctors are forced into unemployment. For 15 years, it has been under the direction of Mr. John Kingsbury, a liberal social worker.

The leading officers of the foundation have, of recent years, come out for some very mild reforms in the organization of medical practice, recommending that private organizations should offer doctors' services in return for small monthly payments. The smug, prosperous doctors who head the A. M. A. became terribly frightened at this, declaring that such a step would surely lead to "socialized medicine" and from there to revolution!

## SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

According to undeniable proof that Rorty furnishes in this article, these reactionary physicians then started a most amazing campaign of subversive sabotage to force the Foundation into "safer" channels. This campaign consisted mainly in numerous articles in the leading medical journals inciting the doctors to boycott Borden Milk Products, because the Foundation and Mr. Milbank own large quantities of Borden stock. At the same time, a vicious, slanderous whispering-campaign that Mr. Kingsbury is mentally unbalanced, a favorite trick among bourgeois politicians, was started.

These methods soon had their desired results. Kingsbury was recently fired, presumably the Milbank Foundation won't engage itself in any more of such revolutionary activity, and the Stars and Stripes are saved from the Bolsheviks!

# FACTS AND FIGURES

## NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

The National Labor Relations Act was signed by Roosevelt, July 5, 1935. It is considered an extension of the so-called "collective bargaining" provision, Section 7, of the defunct NIRA. Like similar measures creating the former National Labor Board, and industrial labor relations boards in various industries, its primary purpose is to prevent strikes through delay and postponement. In the meantime, the corporations are given time to bring police, troops and scabs and other strike-breaking machinery, to weaken workers' unions through firing union members and to strengthen their company union machinery.

The postponement procedure decreed by the Act is most elaborate. It sets up a new National Labor Relations Board, composed of three members appointed by the President. Only after every other "means of prevention provided for by agreement code, law or otherwise" has been utilized may complaints be brought to this body.

Then follows a long series of hearings, rehearings and appeals to circuit courts or courts of appeal. When all of these appeals are exhausted, final settlement is in the hands of the U. S. Supreme Court.

The National Labor Relations Act in no way destroys or eliminates company unions. Section 2 (5) of the Act formally legalizes them. It defines a labor organization as "any kind or any agency or employee representation committee or plan," thus giving full legal standing to company unions. Two other sections contain typical company union wedges. Section 9 (a) purporting to enforce "majority rule" states that "any individual employee or group of employees shall have the right at any time to present grievances to their employer," thus leaving a wide opening for company unions.

Section 9 (c) also gives to the new NLRB the power to decide whether "the unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining shall be the employer unit, craft unit, plant unit or subdivision thereof." The board may, then, put the weight of its approval upon a company union by selecting as the "unit appropriate for collective bargaining, that plant, department or craft unit where the company union is strong."

daily to split the farmers, laborers, employed and unemployed workers.

Yes, anybody or anything who opposes the capitalist system is immediately branded and segregated as a "criminal."

Time Marches On—the "criminals" are multiplying so rapidly that within a short while we will all be "criminals" and ready to turn the tables and jail the criminal-makers, which will be a whole lot cheaper, because there are only 10 per cent of them, and we won't have to build any new jails.



# Govt. Official Admits Blacklist Side of Copeland Law

## WEAVER, U.S. MARINE BUREAU HEAD, SAYS A MILITANT MAN WON'T EVER STAND A CHANCE

### California Labor Notes

OA-LAND. — The California Cotton Mills strike committee asks union labor not to purchase the following items made by the company and sold in many department and furniture stores in the Bay area: silk comforters, quilts, towels, rope and various fabrics, all bearing the California Cotton Mills label.

MERCED. — Striking tomato pickers here won all their demands except for extra pay after 9 p. m. Wage increase was 1 cent per box. Floor workers were given a rate of 45 cents an hour, sorters 30 cents, and box-makers \$1 per hundred boxes made.

SAN JOSE. — Eight union organizers who led a strike of apricot pickers and sorters at the Emma Morrison ranch near here were run out of Santa Clara County by deputies only too anxious to protect the growers against workers' demands for decent wages.

LOS ANGELES. — Fur workers Union officials report that since employers have banded together, and refuse to meet with the organization, they may have to call a strike for better wages, conditions and the closed shop. There are about 1000 in the industry here, receiving extremely low wages.

MARTINEZ. — Under leadership of President Sanders of Barbers' Local 917, Richmond, a charter for a new organization of beauty operators was installed.

RICHMOND. — Contrary to recent reports, the strike of the workers at the Redwood Mfg. Co. has not been settled. The management is reported to have refused to have any dealings with organized labor. Reports issued by the company that it had raised wages by 10 per cent are branded as untrue, only a few white collar workers having received increases.

MARTINEZ. — An important meeting of the District Council of Oil Workers will be held here July 28. The Martinez meeting is one of a series being held by the Oil Workers' Union for the coordination of oil workers' efforts toward effecting common aims in California.

POMONA. — Membership in the newly organized Building Laborers and Hod Carriers union today stands at 250, following a meeting held here Thursday evening, July 2, when 20 new men joined.

Altho in existence only a little more than three months, the organization already has made its strength felt. It has secured a wage scale of \$5 a day on construction jobs in Pomona, El Monte, Baldwin Park and other valley towns.

L. B. Wiggins El Monte, is president, Charles W. Svendsen, Pomona, treasurer, and William F. Horwood, Pomona, financial secretary. Julius E. Livingston, Pomona, helped organize the union.

STOCKTON. — Trade unionists are refusing to patronize the Lorraine Bar at 18 South Center street here, because it has discriminated against Negro workers.

A Negro worker, member of the Bargemen's Union, recently walked into the Lorraine Hotel and Bar with several friends, and the owner came up and ordered him to get out without offering any explanation.

The next morning a militant committee under the leadership of Kelsey Cottle business agent of the Bargemen's Union, protested to the hotel owner and was informed the owner refused to admit Negro workers. Further questioning brought out the fact he had no union card in the house, so the committee issued 100 leaflets urging all workers keep out of this place until attitude toward Negro work changed.

## Stockton Farm Labor Union Busy

STOCKTON. — Agricultural workers here, in their efforts to organize, are getting the active help of the Warehousemen's Union.

### SOLIDARITY BY WAREHOUSEMEN

Sunday, July 5, an open meeting was held by Agricultural Workers' Union, Local 20, 221. Due to cooperation by Business Agent Mac Neary of the Warehousemen, the meeting was held in the Warehousemen's Hall. Three important steps were decided on by the workers present, to build their union into a powerful labor factor in California.

They are: The election of a committee to immediately open up a headquarters in Stockton so workers can come in any time and sign up.

A decision was reached some weeks ago to organize all agricultural workers into the union instead of just certain types of skilled workers. Each member from now on until next meeting is to get 3 others into the union, regardless of the type of work he is doing. Before this the union signed up only hay balers, tractor drivers, etc.

IT'S TRUE AIMS But the seamen remember a few words spoken by this same Weaver just a week before.

He called the Copeland Bill "new legislation to deal with the menace of radicalism, the most far-reaching of its kind ever put through." As Weaver himself described it, the Copeland law "consists principally of the adoption of a continuous discharge book, which will be virtually a service record of every seaman and is patterned somewhat after a passport."

Now listen to the rest of the Weaver's enthusiastic description of the blacklisting nature of the Copeland law. Says Weaver:

"A photograph will be part of the book, which will contain a full account of the man's work, as well as notations that mark the owner as a breeder of dissatisfaction and a trouble-maker."

"Shipmasters will retain these books, and they are to be turned over to the shipowners when the seaman is paid off or discharged, with necessary notations entered in the presence of a United States shipping commissioner."

### IT'S PRETTY CRUDE

Duplicates are to be kept in Washington, and according to Weaver himself, a seaman's chance of signing on a new ship will depend on the record in his continuous discharge book. Many cases of outbreaks (meaning strikes) among crews of American ships that have occurred recently will be avoided in the future," is the way Weaver sums up the aims of the Copeland law.

Weaver himself has thrown down the challenge to the seamen, and they are going to do everything to stop the blacklisting law dead in its tracks. The S. U. P. has issued instructions that its members are not to accept the books. The Seattle Labor Council has taken a sharp stand against the Copeland law. A petition campaign is planned against the law.

## 5 Unions Take Shell Company Union Case To Natl. Labor Board

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Shell Oil Co. is charged with fostering a company union in its production, refining, pipe line and automotive divisions, according to a protest filed with the National Labor Board. The protest was filed by five unions—machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, electricians and the oil workers. They charged the Shell Oil had ignored certain orders of the Labor Board.

Deputy Harrison in the State Attorney General's office has advised the campaign committee that the Communist Party through its representatives or the State Central Committee, may participate in any hearings on the injunction suit, as an interested party in the legal sense.

Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, is representing the campaign committee legally in this matter, should the reactionary group start injunction proceedings.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor. Send us news of your union.

## MAN SOMETIMES HAS TO LET BOSS INSULT HIS WIFE TO GET JOB IN SPRECKELS SUGAR TOWN

Beginnings of Unionization Made in Tracy; 25 Cts. An Hour Wage

SPRECKELS, Cal.—The central area of California, which includes the Sacramento and Salinas Valleys, produces the most beet sugar in the United States. The Spreckels Sugar Co.'s plant at Spreckels is the world's largest sugar beet mill.

1300 OUT EVERY NOVEMBER Beet harvesting began this month - July - and continues until November. Then the plants shut down again. The Spreckels Co. throws out of employment 1300 men.

These are the men who for the most part have been inadequately paid. Attempts have been made to organize the sugar workers—and they need organization badly. Last year at the Tracy, Cal. plant of the Holly Sugar Co., a union was started with A. F. of L. character. It kept pickets on the line until the plant closed in the fall, it will do the same this year. It is a beginning.

don't own in the way of sugar beets in the Salinas area, they control. They own the town of Spreckels, they control the political set-up in Salinas Valley; they have a lot to say about politics in the State. They do this to keep wages low.

### CO. CONTROLS TOWN

Most of the 1300 men employed at the Spreckels mill are Mexicans, Filipinos, some Negroes. They live in houses owned by the company, trade at stores similarly owned.

To get a job one needs to be on friendly terms with Cy Simmons, pipe shop foreman, or Bill Adams, master mechanic. Or one may "ditch" one's moral attitude for the moment and introduce one's wife to Homer Pontius, lady's man and the mill's chief electrician.

One of Adams' off-shoots is the right-reverend minister at the Four Square Gospel Tabernacle at Salinas, 4½ miles away. "Join the church if you want a job" is one angle stressed.

Unless unionization of the beet sugar workers is accomplished, the minimum wage will stand at the same low level as in the past—25 cents an hour. It is plain that only active participation on the part of every worker toward unionization will relieve conditions which have always been bad.

## Bargemen Showing Unity in Stockton

STOCKTON. — The rank and file of the Bargemen's Union here reelected Kelsey Cottle business agent. There was little opposition because of the way Cottle proved himself true-blue during the strike. Miller was elected president, and Mac Connell vice-president.

The Bargemen are proud of their example, set for other unions against discrimination, both inside and outside the union. They showed this unity against a restaurant which barred Negroes. It was an example for the Culinary Workers to follow: the latter bar Filipino and Chinese workers, etc., with the result that they are working for starvation wages along with the non-union workers.

The I.L.A. Locals here—Bargemen, longshoremen, Warehousemen and Clerks recently gave Harry Bridges of San Francisco I. L. A. Local 38-79 a fine reception at a mass meeting which heard Bridges and Henry Schmidt of 38-79 talk on the San Pedro conventions. Their report was endorsed and their advice to the men to vote "yes" on all the questions on the Maritime Federation ballot was accepted.

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## Organizing Gave SF Lathers Much

By Two Union Lathers SAN FRANCISCO. — Once the most miserably paid and most exploited of the building trades, San Francisco's union lathers are now enjoying conditions on the job that used to be only a dream.

Now lath scaffolds and planks are on the floor, and the same attention is given to stucco wire men. Union lathers and polishers are working 6 hours a day. The scale of wages is now first class, \$8.70 a day; second class, \$7.50 a day of 6 hours.

We are about 85 per cent stalled a 6-hour day, a belated decision by the Labor Relations Board in favor of an 8-hour day was announced. We don't intend to return to the 8-hour day.

At the present time there is a move on foot by the reactionary forces, especially the Industrial Assn. to break down the 6-hour day now being enjoyed by lathers, plasterers and electricians of San Francisco. It's necessary that this time to save and even broaden the 6-hour day.

Our message to lathers, plasterers and all building trades workers throughout the state is to join your union and struggle against the 8-hour day and for a 6-hour shift. Let's hear from other building trades crafts.

## Roper Promises Called Insincere

Commerce Roper and Senator Copeland are insincere in their promises to conduct an inquiry into conditions on American ships, charged Joe Curran leader of East Coast rank and file seamen in a letter to President Roosevelt.

He asked Roosevelt to undertake a thorough investigation. He submitted to the president copies of 55 affidavits made by seamen, regarding unsafe conditions on ships of nearly every line on the Atlantic. Roper did nothing about these charges, said Curran.

Curran is suing the International Mercantile Marine Co. for \$200,000 on libel charges. The suit is based in the company's calling the S. S. California strike in March, at San Pedro, a "mutiny." Curran charges the I. M. M. sought to give their impression that he was guilty of a crime, was disobedient, inefficient, incompetent.

Curran said his suit would help determine whether it is mutiny for seamen to engage in a sit-down strike for better working conditions when their ship is safely moored in port.

## Big Coal Price War Looms, With Wage, Job Cuts for Miners

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — West Virginia coal operators, with new technical equipment, are expected to start a price war to drive out operators in other fields. The dropping of the Guffey Bill is expected to hasten the price war. Once the war is under way, labor in the coal fields will suffer wage cuts and unemployment. Big strikes are expected as a result.

## Judge Tells Why He Calls R. R. Pension Act an Illegal Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Justice Bailey of the District of Columbia Court, who declared the Railway Pension Act unconstitutional, now comes out and says he did not mean that the act as a pension act was unconstitutional, but that the tax features through which the railroads as well as employees contribute to the U. S. Treasury for the pension was illegal.

But this allows only the companies' own pension systems, which are used to scare the workers away from strike struggles for better conditions.

## Drive On to Bring 820,000 in Unions

WASHINGTON. — The Committee for Industrial Organization reports that steel, rubber and auto companies are drilling helmeted deputies behind barbed-wire fences.

This indicates preparations on the employers' part to provoke a long and bloody warfare in one of the greatest mass drives to organize the unorganized in the history of American labor. The drive will affect 820,000 workers in steel, auto and rubber alone.

John L. Lewis, chairman of the C. I. O., in his radio speech last Monday said the workers want to organize peacefully, and warned the steel companies that they would be held responsible for any trouble they began.

### A VETERAN FIGHTER

ELWOOD CITY, Pa. — A veteran fighter, a leader in the struggle for a Farmer-Labor Party, is Clarence Irwin, who has been placed in charge of the steel workers organization campaign in the Techenango Valley, which takes in important steel towns like Farrell, New Castle, Sharon, etc.

In the Youngstown district the steel organizing drive takes on new momentum every day. Mill committees are being set up in each mill. Within a few days a Steel Workers' Council will be formed.

DETROIT. — With the support of the C. I. O., the campaign, led by the United Automobile Workers' Union, to organize the auto industry is in full swing. Lewis and the United Mine Workers will furnish speakers for the drive.

This is part of the general nationwide industrial union drive by the C. I. O. The campaign is soon to embrace the rubber and textile industries also.

## Deal Called Ferry Strike in Portland No Legitimate Beef

PORTLAND, Ore. — C. W. Deal, president of the Ferryboatmen's Union, engineer a strike here without a legitimate grievance, it was indicated.

At a big meeting of I. L. A. Local 38-78, the business agent of the Portland Ferryboatmen reported Deal was responsible for the strike against the Western Transportation Co. The I. L. A. then requested that pickets be removed from the boats and a strikers committee concurred in this.

## SF Call Raises Wage After Guild's Letter

SAN FRANCISCO. — Pay increases on the Hearst Call-Bulletin were granted to some editorial staff members less than a week after the fourth communication by the Newspaper Guild asking for collective bargaining.

Almost every man on the Call-Bulletin receiving a raise is a Guild member. New Guild offices were opened about a month ago at 111 Ellis Street.

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That's Why Pedro Men Asks S. U. P. to Get a Contract for Them

SAN FRANCISCO. — If you go by what you've read in the story books you get the idea that it must be romantic to be a whaler.

But the whalers, employed by the California Whaling Corp., tell of getting wages as low as \$41 for a 6-weeks northern cruise, and that's why they've appealed to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific to represent them in collective bargaining to get them a contract.

Five unions belonging to the Maritime Federation threw a picket line on the whaling ships California, Port Saunders, Hawk, the California Whaling Co.'s fleet. The picket lines clamped down tight, and despite the shipowners' request, the unions refused to release the ships pending negotiations.

All crews walked off the whaling ships.

### \$30 A MONTH IS TOP

None of the crews had union men, except a mate who was in the Masters, Mates and Pilots, and two engineers, members of the San Pedro Local of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn. These ships sailed from San Pedro, S. U. P. officials report the men working on a percentage basis, which gave them an average of no more than \$30 a month.

The Sailors' Union got contracts for the whalers working for companies in the north, which pay the men \$90 and up a month with a bonus in addition for good catches.

Besides the S. U. P., the picket line consisted of the Masters, Mates; Cooks, Stewards; Marine Firemen; Marine Engineers.

## Timberworkers Vote Not to Ship Logs to Any Plant on Strike

SEATTLE. — A resolution not to ship products made by Timber Union members to a struck plant was adopted by the convention of the joint board of the Sawmill and Timber Workers District Councils. A resolution passed also calls for paying the way to make the Aberdeen Timber Worker the Northwest Timber Workers' official organ.

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

This is addressed to all progressive members of the trade unions.

We believe that on the basis of this new Labor Page of the WESTERN WORKER trade union members can be interested in the Western Worker, providing you introduce the paper to them on the basis of the Labor Page. Send in news of your union and its struggles so that the members of your union can feel that this page is their page.

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## Organized Labor Thru the U.S.A.

CAMDEN, N. J. — William Green has been accused by 12,000 Radio Corp. strikers of acting in the interests of an R. C. A. subsidiary for which he is advisory counsel. Green sent Edward Bieretz, assistant to the president of the Electrical Workers' Brotherhood, here to try to break the strikers' ranks. Green has also written Labor Councils demanding that they give no help to the strike.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A 2 and 3 cents an hour wage increase has been won by strikers of the Diamond Match plant here. There will also be a 4 per cent semi-annual bonus to all employees.

KENT, Ohio. — Because of the compromise victory won by the 2000 Black-Decker Tool Co. strikers, Kent is going union. Kent is the scene of the recent bloody battle against armed thugs brought in as strikebreakers.

TOLEDO. — Toledo will be the scene on July 11 of a national conference of workers employed at processing grain and in allied industries. These workers are taken to include those who help convert grain into beer, hard liquor, breakfast food, bread and other crafts. The conference is being pushed by the Federal Local in the Corn Products Refining at Pekin, Ill., where a successful general strike was waged in February. The forming of a national organization will be considered.

PORTLAND, Ore. — By the slim margin of 32 votes, 2647 for and 2315 against, the Columbia River basin loggers are said to have accepted the agreement drawn up by State Labor Commissioner Gram. Gram conducted the balloting himself, drawing fire from the union, which said it should conduct all referendums of the membership. Strong suspicion as to the validity of the ballot exists among the lumber union members. A previous poll was thrown out when the union discovered irregularities. The agreement outlaws strikes for one year.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — 85 per cent of the 6600 Remington-Rand typewriter workers who struck when the company fired 16 union men nearly two months ago, are still on strike. They are A. F. of L. members. The company's latest stunt is rifling the mail of a local union official. The strike affects plants in 6 cities.

SPOKANE. — The strike of over 2000 North Central Idaho lumber workers, for higher wages and better conditions, has spread to Washington. Six hundred men walked off here.

ABERDEEN, Wash. — One thousand dollars for the strike fund of Oregon lumber strikers was voted by the Grays Harbor Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Oil tank builders in this area are on strike to restore the 1929 wage scale. Demands include \$7.50 a day for riveters and \$6.50 for others.

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